

The Immortal Birds

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Summary: The Phenex family is one of the remaining pillar family's left, there known for their immortality and ability over fire and wind. They had everything any pillar family could ask for but what happens when the twins are born? With the dream of becoming Satan and armed with the power of blue flames Naruto will stop at nothing until his dream comes true!

## 1. Chapter 1

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**\*\*Story start:\*\***

It all started on the day that Lady Phenex was found to be pregnant and with not one baby but twins. The Phenex family was already big, and they absolutely couldn't wait for the new additions to their family. The fact that they'd be getting twins was amazing since after the last great war and the addition of resurrected devils\*\*,\*\* pure blooded devils were becoming rarer with each generation.

Everyone in the Phenex family could see the happy glow of their Lady as she walked down the hallway on the way to her and her husband's chambers with her stomach showing how close she was to having her twins since she was due any day now. Walking up to the door\*\*,\*\* Raven opened it slightly to see if her husband was in or not\*\*,\*\* and when she saw he wasn't\*\*,\*\* a frown marred her beautiful face. Her husband had been quite busy with the arrangements for the marriage between her now youngest son and the only daughter of the Gremmory family. Sighing softly to herself\*\*,\*\* Raven walked into the bathroom to freshen up before bed\*\*,\*\* and once done with that she stared into the mirror as she had done every night since she had found out she was pregnant.

The image she saw staring at her was that of a beautiful woman

smiling slightly\*\*,\*\* with dark blue eyes and bright blonde hair. She had her hair done up in an ornate bun fitting someone of her standing among the devil community and had an angular face as did many pure blood devils. The most important part of her appearance\*\*,\*\* at least in her eyes\*\*,\*\* was her swollen stomach holding her beautiful twins.

"Honey\*\*,\*\* are you almost done in there? I'd like to see my beautiful wife." A voice was heard from the other side of the bedroom\*\*,\*\* and Raven could only smile since she knew that the only person who that could be was her husband Minato Phenex\*\*,\*\* the lord of the Phenex family\*\*,\*\* but most importantly, her husband. Sighing at her husband's impatience\*\*,\*\* Raven Phenex could only smile as she opened the door and apologized to her husband. "Sorry honey\*\*,\*\* but a woman's got to look her best for her husband\*\*,\*\* especially with all her competition."

Smiling slightly\*\*,\*\* Minato could only laugh while stating\*\*,\*\* "Honey\*\*,\*\* you know I might have a harem but you're the only woman for me. You're the woman that is the mother of my children". Many might not know this\*\*,\*\* but Minato was a tall blonde man\*\*,\*\* about 6'2" with spiky blonde hair and two bangs framing his face. He was currently dressed in red pajamas contrasting with his sky blue eyes.

"I'm just worried that you'll lose interest in me what with how fat I've become," stated Raven.

Minato could only just sigh while slowly pulling his wife to him until they were both lying on the bed with her head laying on his chest. There weren't any words that needed to be spoken between the two\*\*,\*\* they both knew that though the future might be a mystery\*\*,\*\* they would always have each other and their soon to be five children.

-X-(Three days later)

"AAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH"

Standing beside his wife\*\*,\*\* Minato could only cringe as he felt the heat coming off his hand from the flames that Raven was unconsciously making and the unbelievable strength she was using to crush his hand. Thanking whoever his devil powers for making him basically fireproof\*\*,\*\* Minato could only smile down at his wife\*\*,\*\* and after looking at the doctor\*\*,\*\* he couldn't help but ask\*\*,\*\* "Isn't there any way we could speed this along or help her with the pain?"

Offering only a half-smile\*\*,\*\* the doctor could only sigh. "You know as well as anyone\*\*,\*\* Lord Phenex\*\*,\*\* that any kind of drugs given to her would be wiped out of her system in seconds thanks to the legendary healing of your family".

Not liking being ignored while she was having two babies forced out of her\*\*,\*\* Raven made her presence known by glaring at her husband and squeezing his hand until she heard a satisfying crack and shouting\*\*,\*\* "YOU ARE NEVER TOUCHING ME AGAIN MINATO\*\*. AND IF YOU EVEN THINK OF WANTING ANOTHER KID\*\*,\*\* IT'S GONNA BE COMING OUT OF YOU SO YOU CAN UNDERSTAND HOW MUCH I HATE YOU RIGHT NOW."

Grimacing at his most likely broken hand\*\*,\*\* Minato could only wonder how far his healing ability would be tested by his wife\*\*,\*\* who was doing her best to show that there had to be something he couldn't recover from.

"The first head is showing\*\*,\*\* Push\*\*,\*\* Lady Phenex\*\*,\*\*" the doctor said\*\*,\*\*

Smiling slightly at his wife\*\*,\*\* Minato couldn't wait to meet his new children. He just knew they'd be perfect. Grimacing\*\*,\*\* Raven gave everything she had\*\*,\*\* and with a scream of "AHHHHHHHHHHH"\*\*,\*\* they finally heard the satisfying sound of the first baby crying. Cutting the umbilical cord and telling the proud parents that the first child was a healthy baby boy\*\*,\*\* the doctor handed him to a nurse wrapped in a blue blanket.

Turning back to the exhausted women\*\*,\*\* the doctor could only smile saying\*\*,\*\* "Good job Lady Phenex. Only one more and we're done. One more push and you will have your babies in your arms."

Smiling slightly\*\*,\*\* Raven could only give a brief nod before giving all she had left into one last push\*\*,\*\* "AAAAAAAHHHHHHHHHHH" and falling back down while hearing the cries of both her children.

Smiling and cutting the cord off the second baby and handing the second baby wrapped in a pink blanket to the other nurse so that she could be cleaned\*\*,\*\* the doctor left the room in order to give the two parents privacy with their children.

Smiling at his wife and kissing her forehead\*\*,\*\* Minato could only smile and ask "So we never actually decided on names\*\*,\*\* Do you have any idea?"

Beaming at her husband and gently taking her son from the nurse while watching the other nurse give her daughter to Minato, Raven could only smile while saying "For the girl\*\*,\*\* I was thinking Ravel and for the boy\*\*,\*\* I was thinking Naruto\*\*,\*\*"

Smiling\*\*,\*\* Minato could only sigh at his wife's insistence on naming one of his children after a ramen topping though he supposed that the fact that Naruto meant Maelstrom evened it out.

Looking at their children the two proud parents could only wonder what changes would occur in the future and how their new children would get along with their siblings.

-X- (5 Years Later)

Running through the estate\*\*,\*\* Ravel and Naruto couldn't stop laughing. Throughout the years\*\*,\*\* the two had been inseparable with the servants knowing that if you saw one twin\*\*,\*\* the other one wouldn't be far away. They both had the blonde hair and blue eyes of the Phenex family. The only difference was while Naruto had short spiky hair\*\*,\*\* Ravel had her hair tied into two drill-like curls. They were both in their pajamas since it was getting close to their bed time\*\*,\*\*

With an indignant shout\*\*,\*\* the third member of this impromptu game of chase let his feelings be known\*\*,\*\* This individual was the third

son of the Phenex family\*\*,\*\* and Naruto and Ravel's older brother\*\*,\*\* Riser. Riser was a blonde man appearing to be in his late teens and had the common traits of the Phenex family\*\*,\*\* except his hair was mysteriously colored a bright bubblegum pink.

"You'll pay for this you brats!" Riser shouted at the two little troublemakers

Still laughing\*\*,\*\* the two kept running\*\*,\*\* with Naruto shouting\*\*,\*\* "It's what you get for being a big meany to Rias\*\*.\*\*"

Ravel could only smile at her brother as their latest prank had gone off without a hitch\*\*,\*\* only to be suddenly lifted off the ground with her twin and forced to look into the eyes of their father. Smiling gently at his kids and fighting the urge to laugh at his other son's new hair color\*\*,\*\* Minato could only ask the one question on his mind\*\*,\*\* "Is there any way I can get you two to come to bed quietly?"

Smiling at their father\*\*,\*\* the twins shouted in unison\*\*,\*\* "Can we hear a story!"

Looking at the twins\*\*,\*\* Minato could only sigh at their normal response\*\*,\*\* but he nodded nonetheless\*\*,\*\* and couldn't help but smile at the cheering of his youngest. Looking over at Riser and failing to hold in a chuckle\*\*,\*\* Minato could only smile and say\*\*,\*\* "I know they didn't mean any harm Riser and I'm sure that whatever they used will come out eventually."

Glaring once more at the two troublemakers and wishing they'd combust on the spot\*\*,\*\* Riser turned around as graciously as he could and walked off in the opposite direction.

Laughing once he made sure his son was out of hearing range\*\*,\*\* Minato once again turned to his youngest two who were still being held up by his arms and he could only sigh at the twin innocent looks he was getting from them. Slowly walking down the hallway until he got to a door labeled 'Naruto and Ravel's room\*\*,\*\* stay out'\*\*,\*\* and putting down Ravel so he could open the door\*\*,\*\* he slowly walked in and sat on the chair that he used whenever he told stories to his youngest. Looking around the room as Ravel and Naruto got into their beds and gently tucking them in\*\*,\*\* Minato decided to tell them the story of the amazing battle he once witnessed between the old Lucifer and the combined team of Sirzechs and Grayfia.

Once he finished the tale\*\*,\*\* he could only smile at the pure awe that Naruto and Ravel were showing and when Naruto declared\*\*,\*\* "I'm going to be the next Lucifer!"

Feeling proud of his son's determination\*\*,\*\* and knowing that if anyone could do it\*\*,\*\* Naruto could\*\*,\*\* Minato could only ruffle his son's hair while saying\*\*,\*\* "I'm sure you will one day\*\*,\*\* but first\*\*,\*\* I think it's about time I taught you and Ravel how to use your devil powers\*\*.\*\* After all\*\*,\*\* what good are two future kings if they can't even protect their peerage?"

Smiling once again\*\*,\*\* Naruto could barely hold in his excitement\*\*,\*\* Finally\*\*,\*\* he would be able to get strong and protect those closest to him\*\*,\*\* especially his beloved twin.

Happy at seeing how excited his son was, Minato couldn't wait to start their training\*\*. \*\* However\*\*, \*\* he was surprised to see his only daughter so quiet\*\*. \*\* So\*\*, \*\* he couldn't help the frown that came to his face as he asked\*\*, \*\* "Ravel\*\*, \*\* honey\*\*, \*\* I thought you'd be excited to hear that you and your brother are finally going to be learning how to use your powers."

Looking up at her father\*\*, \*\* Ravel couldn't help but ask\*\*, \*\* "Dad\*\*, \*\* do I have to be a King\*\*?\* \*\* I really don't want to have that responsibility\*\*. \*\* I'd rather be a part of Naruto's peerage."

Looking over at his precious sister\*\*, \*\* Naruto couldn't help but smile\*\*. \*\* While he would rather have his sister be a king\*\*, \*\* he wouldn't be opposed to having her always be close to him. Smiling\*\*, \*\* Naruto asked\*\*, \*\* "But Ravel\*\*, \*\* wouldn't you rather have your own peerage?"

Looking at her brother and happy that he was so concerned about her\*\*, \*\* Ravel just shook her head and said\*\*, \*\* "While I'm sure I'd make a great King\*\*, \*\* I know you'd make a better one and I know we'll make the perfect team."

Watching the proceedings\*\*, \*\* Minato could only sigh\*\*. \*\* He knew his two children were inseparable and figured something like this would happen\*\*. \*\* He was starting to wonder if these two would rather just be attached at the hip. Regardless\*\*, \*\* he figured that they still had a couple of years until anything was set in stone\*\*, \*\* so\*\*, \*\* it was best if he just let things be and just be happy that he could start training the twins tomorrow.

Slowly kissing both of their heads\*\*, \*\* Minato turned to the door turning off the light while leaving the door open just a crack knowing how Ravel got if there wasn't some kind of light in the room\*\*. \*\* He could only sigh and wonder what awaited him tomorrow.

-X-(Next Morning)

The next day we find the twins sitting on the ground practically shaking with excitement while their father sat across from them demonstrating a simple fire spell for them to try. Watching them both\*\*, \*\* Minato was happy to see that his daughter was on her way to getting it\*\*, \*\* and keeping that smile\*\*, \*\* Minato slowly turned to his son. Seeing his son about to pour his power into the spell\*\*, \*\* he decided to give some last minute advice\*\*. \*\* "Remember you two\*\*, \*\* fire is a living embodiment\*\*. \*\* In order to channel the fire\*\*, \*\* we must pull out our power from deep within."

Nodding\*\*, \*\* Naruto started looking deep within\*\*. \*\* Looking over at Ravel\*\*, \*\* he could see a small aura of flame starting to surround her\*\*, \*\* which looked to be taking a lot out of her to maintain. With a burst of determination\*\*, \*\* Naruto looked deep within\*\*, \*\* and feeling his power\*\*, \*\* brought it out and felt the warm aura surround him and grow larger. Smiling at his accomplishment\*\*, \*\* he looked up at his father only to see him staring at him in shock. Looking to his left\*\*, \*\* he saw Ravel looking at him in awe\*\*. \*\* Finally\*\*, \*\* after a while\*\*, \*\* he couldn't help but ask\*\*, \*\* "What are you guys staring at\*\*?\* \*\* Ravel made fire too and you're not staring at her\*\*, \*\*

dad."

Minato distantly heard what his son was saying\*\*. He was\*\*, however\*\*, more focused on the blue fire surrounding his son since there hadn't been a Phenex born with the power of blue fire in centuries. Smiling at his son\*\*, Minato couldn't help but think\*\*, 'Naruto\*\*, you just might be able to become the next Lucifer with that power'. Seeing his daughter also looking at her brother in awe and maintaining her flame for the entire time this was going on\*\*, he couldn't help but be amazed at her control and knew that one day these two would surpass everyone.

Ravel\*\*, however\*\*, was bouncing on the ground\*\*. She couldn't believe that her brother was able to change the color of his fire\*\*, and she could feel the heat coming off of it. She knew that her brother would be strong\*\*, but now\*\*, she knew that one day her brother would be invincible\*\*, and she would be standing by his side just like she always has.

Naruto\*\*, however\*\*, was in his own world smiling at the fire that he was using\*\*. His dream was to become a Satan and protect his family and with this\*\*, he was one step closer to that dream and while it may be a hard road ahead he would get there one step at a time and he would never give up.

-X-(Three Years Later)

It's been three more years and the twins were walking to Beelzebub's workshop since today was the day that they would be getting their evil chess pieces\*\*, though Ravel had opted not to get hers saying she'd much rather be a part of her brother's peerage as his Queen. Walking up to the large metal doors followed by his two youngest children\*\*, Minato knocked on the door\*\*, waiting for the famous Beelzebub to open the door so he could ask Naruto the questions before he got his pieces.

Slowly\*\*, the door opened and out stepped the Blue Satan wearing an apron and looking like he just had one of his experiments blow up in his face. Smiling slightly at the head of the Phenex clan and what appeared to be his two youngest children\*\*, Beelzebub asked\*\*, "What can I do for you today\*\*, Lord Phenex?"

Smiling and ruffling his son's hair\*\*, Minato answered\*\*, "Well Beelzebub\*\*, my son here is ready to get his evil chess set and while my daughter could get hers too\*\*, she has requested to be Naruto's Queen instead."

Smiling at how close the two must be for the boy's sister to want to be a part of his peerage and for the boy to be willing to give up his strongest piece to his sister\*\*, Beelzebub nodded his head and motioned for them to come inside. Once they were inside\*\*, Beelzebub looked at Naruto and stated\*\*, "Okay Naruto\*\*. I'm going to ask you a few questions before this gets started since it will help me determine how your chess set will react when you accept the King piece."

Nodding at the blue Satan\*\*, Naruto simply waited for him to ask his first question.

"What will your peerage be to you?"

"They will be my family."

"What do you use your power for?"

"To protect those precious to me."

"Okay\*\*,\*\* last question\*\*.\*\* What is your dream?"

"To protect my family and to become the next Lucifer!"

Smiling slightly at the very exceptional boy\*\*,\*\* the blue Satan turned and put Naruto's answers into the computer. There was a flash of light\*\*,\*\* and they all turned to look at an assembly belt where a red chess set suddenly appeared. Motioning for Naruto to move towards it\*\*,\*\* Beelzebub smiled when the boy walked up to it and the King piece floated in the air before floating into the young Phenex's body.

Smiling at his son\*\*,\*\* Minato couldn't wait to see what different kinds of people he would fill his peerage up with and wonder what the future would hold for his family.

\*\*Chapter End\*\*

\*\*This is my first story so please go easy on me. I was just tired of having to wait forever for new chapters to come out for this specific crossover and figured I'd try my hand at making a story (that being said I'm in it till the end I don't like non completed story's). Yes, I did change this somewhat mostly just me switching Lady Phenex's name to Raven sorry about using Rias moms name I originally wanted to make him Rias's twin but decided against it since there are multiple of those but none with Ravel. I also know my grammar isn't the best the problem is I don't see the mistakes since I'm so used to it I probably need someone to proofread it but that's a battle for another day. I'd also like to say for the pairing I genuinely don't know I'm tossing back and forth ideas mostly I want Naruto to have pure blood kids and I kind of want this to remain a single pairing so most likely Rias, Serefall or Ravel. The final note is I actually have the peerage decided on and while it might not seem necessarily accurate with pieces to power I'm making Naruto strong so it should equal out.\*\*

## 2. Chapter 2

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\*\*Chapter 2:\*\*

Walking down a long hallway was a very elegantly dressed young redhead whose name was Rias. Now\*\*,\*\* many would know who she is. After all\*\*,\*\* how could one not know the sister of the current Lucifer, or the heiress of the Gremmory Clan, someone who wields the power of destruction? Everyone that knew Rias would say she is a sweet little girl with a slight obsession with anime and anything related to Japan\*\*.\*\* But\*\*,\*\* they would make sure that the girl wasn't in hearing range\*\*.\*\* After all\*\*,\*\* there is no need for it to be known that her 'secret' obsession wasn't actually a secret.

They would also be hard-pressed to find a more cheerful and polite young girl\*\*. \*\* However\*\*, \*\* Rias was neither of those things right now as she has just found out that not only is she engaged to who everyone else has described as an 'asshole' and a 'playboy'\*\*, \*\* but she also has to now go over to their estate in order to celebrate the newest status as the King of a peerage of the younger brother of her 'fiances'. Rias still didn't understand how a kid who was practically three years younger than her had managed to get an evil piece set when she had to wait until she was ten\*\*, \*\* but apparently\*\*, \*\* because his flames were of a different color\*\*, \*\* everyone was okay with it. Grumbling to herself about how pretty flames were nowhere close to the power of destruction\*\*, \*\* Rias finally walked into the room where her parents were staying in order to travel to the Phenex estate.

-X-(Same time)

Lord and Lady Phenex\*\*, \*\* better known as Minato and Raven\*\*, \*\* could be seen walking into the kitchen in order to attempt to get their youngest two children finally ready for the party. They were usually such wonderful children\*\*, \*\* at least in their eyes\*\*. \*\* However\*\*, \*\* the second they learned that there would be a party\*\*, \*\* they both got the brilliant idea that they should help cook the feast\*\*. \*\* Thankfully\*\*, \*\* no one was hurt\*\*, \*\* though they were still trying to figure out what exactly caused the explosion. It was finally decided that while they couldn't make the meal for obvious reasons\*\*, \*\* they would be allowed to make a cake for dessert provided they had their oldest brother Ruval help them. Walking to the door to the kitchen\*\*, \*\* they braced themselves for what they were going to see\*\*, \*\* and slowly opened the door hoping the cost for the damages wouldn't be too high.

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Smiling to himself\*\*, \*\* Ruval couldn't believe how amazing his sister was at baking especially considering how bad he and his youngest brother were. On the table sat a wonderfully made chocolate cake\*\*, \*\* with tons of icing\*\*, \*\* and the sentence "congratulations on becoming a King" written on top of it. Now\*\*, \*\* Ruval was many things\*\*. \*\* He was an amazing older brother, a father to an adorable baby girl, and a wonderful son and husband\*\*, \*\* just to name a few things\*\*. \*\* But\*\*, \*\* he couldn't bake for his life\*\*. \*\* So\*\*, \*\* he was happy at least one person in the family could. Turning to look at the one responsible for the cake\*\*, \*\* Ruval asked\*\*, \*\* "Not that I'm not grateful\*\*, \*\* but after the whole cooking explosion\*\*, \*\* I'm very surprised you know how to cook\*\*, \*\* Ravel."

Blushing at the praise of her older brother and avoiding looking into the eyes of either of her brothers\*\*, \*\* Ravel could only sigh while trying to explain how she learned how to cook. "Well\*\*, \*\* I know I can't cook very well\*\*, \*\* but I wanted to make sure I could do something special for Naruto's party\*\*. \*\* And I figured that everyone likes cake."

Smiling gratefully at his Queen\*\*, \*\* Naruto only had one thing to say. "You know sis\*\*, \*\* you are going to make a great wife someday."

'POOF\*\*. \*\*' Ravel's blush reached astronomical levels and she distantly realized that her powers had just caused her face to



literally combust\*\*. \*\* She could only revert back to her tsundere personality\*\*. \*\* "What do you mean by a wife? As if I could ever be someone's wife\*\*. \*\* I'm your Queen\*\*, \*\* remember? And you better not forget that and go out with some other girl!"

Ruval deciding to take pity on his brother before he said something else to make Ravel decide to set his head on fire to match hers. He offered to wrap the cake up for them while they got dressed. Hearing a twin cry of surprise at forgetting about the whole reason for making the cake\*\*, \*\* he watched the two run out of the room\*\*, \*\* nearly knocking over their parents in their haste to get dressed.

Seeing his parents' questioning looks at the fact that there weren't any explosions\*\*, \*\* Ruval prepared himself for telling them about the little prodigy of a baker they had in the family.

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In the dining room sat seven individuals around a dining table. They were obviously waiting for someone to come before starting their meal. At the head of the table sat Minato\*\*, \*\* with his wife Raven to his left\*\*. \*\* This setup was mirrored on the other side of the table by the visiting Lord and Lady Gremmory. To his right were two empty seats reserved for his youngest and oldest sons\*\*, \*\* followed by Rias and her mother Venallana. To the left of Raven was the seat reserved for his daughter followed by his son Riser\*\*, \*\* and Akeno. Seated at a table across from her 'fiancÃ©' while silently glaring at her parents for putting her in this situation\*\*, \*\* Rias couldn't figure out how this could possibly get any worse. After all\*\*, \*\* her life was going to be over once she was of marriageable age and she couldn't have her happy ending. Rias always wanted a prince in shining armor to come and rescue her\*\*. \*\* But that dream might as well be dead now\*\*. \*\* The closest thing she would get to a happy ending was being forced to have tons of babies and becoming part of a harem for her husband's amusement.

Sighing to herself Akeno , who was Rias' recently turned Queen, could only wonder how Lord and Lady Gremmory could possibly think that this would be a good idea. She could practically feel Riser's gaze on her and she knew exactly why he was staring\*\*, \*\* and especially what he was staring at. She had just started going through puberty and apparently\*\*, \*\* she was a quick grower with a modest B-cup already that would know doubt grow with age\*\*. \*\* She also had a beautiful face that would make many men weak in the knees and a hard on somewhere else\*\*. \*\* It was no mystery to Akeno about why Riser was staring. She had genuinely hoped that the rumors were untrue about the apparent fiancÃ© of her King\*\*, \*\* but it was starting to look unlikely that her hopes would be answered.

Finally deciding that the atmosphere had gotten too quiet\*\*, \*\* especially with Ravel and Naruto still waiting to join them\*\*, \*\* Minato decided to at least get things going\*\*. \*\* "Thank you for coming to my son's party for becoming a king\*\*. \*\* I would also like to welcome you to the family Rias\*\*. \*\* After all\*\*, \*\* you'll eventually be marrying my son."

Practically growling\*\*, \*\* Rias made sure her opinion on the matter was firmly known. "I will not me marrying your son\*\*. \*\* And I will definitely not marry someone I don't love!"

Wondering what he ever did to deserve this\*\*, \*\* Lord Gremmory decided that if they were going to get anywhere\*\*, \*\* he'd have to run damage control. "Thank you Lord Phenex\*\*, \*\* and I apologize for my daughter's outburst\*\*. \*\* I'm sure she means no disrespect\*\*. \*\* She has only just found out about her engagement earlier."

Ignoring the murmuring of the redheaded little girl that sounded a lot like 'yeah\*\*, \*\* no disrespect my ass'\*\*, \*\* Raven decided to accept the apology\*\*. \*\* "I'm sure she didn't\*\*. \*\* And we know that Riser can be a little difficult but where sure that with time\*\*, \*\* they will grow to care for each other."

Deciding to ask a question that had been bothering him for a while now\*\*, \*\* Lord Gremmory said\*\*, \*\* "Yes I'm sure\*\*. \*\* However\*\*, \*\* since this is supposed to be a party for your son Naruto\*\*, \*\* who is absent along with your youngest\*\*, \*\* I don't suppose you could answer a question I have about a rumor I heard about him?"

Having seen this coming and deciding to get it out of the way\*\*, \*\* Minato could only give a slight nod indicating that he would answer any question asked.

Genuinely happy to satisfy his curiosity\*\*, \*\* something that all Gremmorys were known for\*\*, \*\* Lord Gremmory asked\*\*, \*\* "I have heard that your son is able to control Blue Flames and because of this power\*\*, \*\* he was even able to acquire a mutated pawn and bishop when he infused his power into his evil chess set."

Snapping her head up\*\*, \*\* Rias looked at her father in astonishment\*\*. \*\* After all\*\*, \*\* she knew how hard it was for any devil to acquire even a single mutated piece\*\*. \*\* For this kid to be able to get two was unheard of. Deciding to ask the important question\*\*, \*\* at least in her mind\*\*, \*\* Rias asked\*\*, \*\* "I understand that blue flames should be hotter\*\*. \*\* But what's so special about the color of his fire? You're all acting like it has some secret ability."

Deciding to finally enter the conversation and to satisfy her daughter's curiosity\*\*, \*\* Venallana decided to inform Rias just why the blue flames were special. "Rias\*\*, \*\* I doubt you know this, but there used to be 9 beasts of incredible power. These beasts were known as Bijū and each had different abilities unique to their species and their number of tails."

No longer understanding what her mother was talking about\*\*, \*\* Rias asked\*\*, \*\* "But mom\*\*, \*\* what do you mean by their species and their number of tails?"

Seeing where this line of questioning was going\*\*, \*\* Raven decided that since it was her son that this was about\*\*, \*\* she should be the one to explain it. "What your mother means\*\*, \*\* Rias\*\*, \*\* is that each Bijū had a number of tails\*\*, \*\* going from one to nine. With each tail, the Bijū showed a higher level of strength. Each Bijū was of a different species, and each had a different ability." Seeing the nod that Rias was giving\*\*, \*\* Raven decided to continue\*\*. \*\* "They went in this order. The one-tailed raccoon, the two-tailed hellcat, the three-tailed turtle, the four-tailed gorilla, the five-tailed dolphin-horse, the six-tailed slug, the seven-tailed beetle, the eight-tailed octopus-bull, and finally, the strongest of them all,

the nine-tailed fox."

Still not understanding how this was all relevant\*\*, \*\* Rias let her confusion be known\*\*. \*\* "So why haven't I heard about these Biju if they're so powerful?"

Deciding to cut to the chase\*\*, \*\* Minato helped connect it for the girl\*\*. \*\* "You see\*\*, \*\* Rias\*\*, \*\* these beasts were terrorizing everything until a man wielding blue flames defeated them all\*\*. \*\* He then transformed them into sacred gears and implant them into those that were at least part human. Using this system, they could be used the same way that any other sacred gears are used, with minimal risk\*\*, \*\* since their powers are\*\*, \*\* for the most part\*\*, \*\* sealed away."

"So can't the people that have them even use their powers?"

Minato sighed to himself\*\*. \*\* "They are sealed\*\*, \*\* correct\*\*, \*\* but they can use some of the power that the Biju naturally have. For example, whoever wields the one-tailed Biju has control over sand. They can even get the ability to use a stage one and a stage two Biju cloak if they learn their Biju's name. However, in order for them to unlock their full power\*\*, \*\* they need a key of sorts."

"Okay\*\*. \*\* I think I understand\*\*. \*\* But what's the key to unlocking their full power then?"

Unable to keep the smug look off his face\*\*, \*\* Minato said, "If they were sealed using blue fire to restrict their abilities\*\*, \*\* then the only way to remove that restriction is to 'attach' them to a person that wields the same ability."

Nodding at the explanation\*\*, \*\* Rias only had one more question\*\*. \*\* "So how do you attach someone to someone else?"

Smiling slightly\*\*, \*\* Raven decided to finish the story\*\*. \*\* "Well Rias\*\*, \*\* I'd say the same way you attached Akeno to you."

Seeing the look Rias was making and having absolutely enough of everyone explaining stuff the whole family had been told ages ago\*\*, \*\* Riser made his opinion known\*\*. \*\* "While this is fun and all\*\*, \*\* can we get the ball rolling? I have my Queen waiting upstairs to 'take care of me' once this is over and I'm through waiting for the two brats."

As if hearing Riser mention them\*\*, \*\* two blondes came running into the room followed by their older brother Ruval\*\*, \*\* who seemed to be carrying the cake that Ravel had made earlier. Seeing the questioning looks that his parents were giving him\*\*, \*\* Ruval could only sigh\*\*. \*\* "Don't look at me\*\*. \*\* Those two decided that it'd be funny to skip this meeting to go pester one of the servants about a rumor they heard."

Genuinely curious about the two new kids\*\*, \*\* Rias decided to ask\*\*, \*\* "What's the rumor and what made it so interesting?"

Smiling and nodding at each other\*\*, \*\* the twins said\*\*, \*\* "We heard that there's a demon masquerading as a girl with white hair!"

Deciding to dismiss this story as nothing more than a servant fueling their imagination\*\*, \*\* Minato said\*\*, \*\* "As cool as I'm sure that is\*\*, \*\* don't you think it's time you to joined us for dinner and met Lord and Lady Gremmory\*\*, \*\* and their daughter Rias."

Sitting exactly to the right of his father\*\*, \*\* Ruval watched the twins get into the seats designated to them. He also couldn't help but wonder why that Gremmory girl kept staring at his youngest brother like that\*\*, \*\* but he assumed that she was just be curious about how he would act in comparison to Riser.

Rias\*\*, \*\* however\*\*, \*\* was genuinely curious about the kid sitting next to her\*\*. \*\* After all\*\*, \*\* who wouldn't be after hearing the story that they were just told? The icing on the cake\*\*, \*\* though\*\*, \*\* was that he was completely ignoring her in favor of talking to his sister\*\*. \*\* This\*\*, \*\* while showing her how close the two were\*\*, \*\* did nothing but infuriate the little redhead\*\*, \*\* who was used to being the center of attention. Deciding to enjoy the meal spread out for her, she wondered that if he is going to ignore her\*\*, \*\* then she'd just have to ignore him as well\*\*. \*\* Rias went back to her food which\*\*, \*\* she noticed\*\*, \*\* was fried chicken\*\*, \*\* ironically.

Smiling at his sister and 'quietly' discussing when they were going to 'investigate' the new rumor they heard about\*\*, \*\* Naruto was pleased to see that while somewhat nervous\*\*, \*\* Ravel seemed to be all for going to investigate it the next day. Deciding to take a break and seeing that the girl next to him had finally stopped trying to glare a hole through his head\*\*, \*\* Naruto decided to introduce himself\*\*. \*\* "Hello\*\*, \*\* it's nice to meet you\*\*. \*\* My name's Naruto\*\*, \*\* and across from me is my twin and my Queen\*\*, \*\* Ravel."

Nodding slowly\*\*, \*\* Rias said\*\*, \*\* "My name's Rias and my Queen is to my dad's right. Her name's Akeno."

"So is it true that you're going to be my new big sister when you marry my big brother?"

Growling at everyone's inability to realize that she would not be marrying Riser Phenex\*\*, \*\* Rias decided to set these two straight\*\*. \*\* "I will not be marrying your brother nor will I be marrying anybody until I decide to."

Wondering what evil he must have committed in a past life to deserve this, and glaring at Riser to make sure he wouldn't try to rebuke that statement\*\*, \*\* Minato said\*\*, \*\* "While I'm sure we could go into that\*\*, \*\* why don't we enjoy the dessert my daughter Ravel made us? I'm told that it's supposed to taste pretty good."

Blushing profusely\*\*, \*\* Ravel could only accept the praise with a slow nod of her head. It's not that she doubted her ability\*\*, \*\* it's more that no one in the family really compliments her except for her twin and she's likely to lose control of her powers if anyone does. Deciding to take a slice of the cake before she can't get any\*\*, \*\* Ravel smiled when she saw her King enjoying her treat.

After waiting a suitable amount of time\*\*, \*\* and seeing that everyone was done with dessert\*\*, \*\* Lord Gremmory decided to take his leave\*\*. \*\* After all\*\*, \*\* he wouldn't want his son complaining about

hogging his daughter. "As nice as this evening has been\*\*,\*\* Lord and Lady Phenex\*\*,\*\* I do believe it's time we took our leave".

Ignoring how pleased Rias looked at this revelation\*\*,\*\* Minato could only give a nod\*\*. \*\* "Yes\*\*,\*\* it was good to see you again\*\*,\*\* Venallana and Liexalon\*\*,\*\* and to meet you\*\*,\*\* Rias and Akeno."

Seeing the weird girl about to go\*\*,\*\* Naruto decided to give his own goodbye\*\*. \*\* "Bye Rias\*\*,\*\* it was fun to meet you\*\*. \*\* I hope we can do it again and tell your brother to enjoy his days as Lucifer."

Blushing at the personal greeting and curious at Naruto's mention of her brother\*\*,\*\* Rias asked\*\*,\*\* "Yes\*\*,\*\* we should do it again, though what do you mean by saying that my brother should enjoy his days as Lucifer?"

Puffing his chest up\*\*,\*\* Naruto said\*\*,\*\* "Because I'm going to take that title away from him one day!"

Nodding\*\*,\*\* Rias smiled slightly at the youngest male Phenex\*\*. \*\* Maybe he was different from the rest\*\*,\*\* though she would hold her opinion for now. Slowly walking to her parents and feeling her mother hold her hand\*\*,\*\* she could only give one fleeting glance at the curious youngest son of the Phenex's before being teleported away.

Smiling slightly at his youngest son\*\*,\*\* Minato could only smile at how sure he was that Naruto had just made his first friend that wasn't related to him.

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Waking up the next morning around 10 am\*\*,\*\* Naruto and Ravel were getting ready to check out the rumor they heard yesterday. It was true that their parents had warned them about investigating the rumor\*\*,\*\* but they were confident that it would be worth any punishment they could get. With one last smile at each other\*\*,\*\* they transported to the town where the demon girl apparently was.

\*\*Chapter End\*\*

\*\*Well wanted to update pretty fast so hope you guys don't mind and I'm probably going to keep chapters at least 3k word count. Also a shout out to my new betta \*\*\*\*Fee-fi-fo-fum\*\*\*\* he really helped a lot! Other than that I wonder who will figure out who's in the peerage?0 and they never actually gave Lord Gremmory a name so for this fanfic his names Liexalon.\*\*

### 3. Chapter 3

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\*\*Chapter Start:\*\*

In a small town, a young girl could be seen looking at the night sky

waiting for this nightmare to end. The girl in question looked to be around thirteen years old. She looked like any young girl would, besides the pure white hair that one would think belonged to someone much older. The biggest difference between this girl and any other was that one of her arms looked purely demonic. The girl in question was the supposed Demon as the townsfolk so fondly called her. She really didn't know where it all went wrong, she supposed it could have been when her parents died. That event had left her alone with two younger siblings to care for, and while they had never expressed any disapproval towards her, she wondered if they would be better off without her. She knew that the townsfolk saw her as possessed by the same demon that she had saved them from, and she couldn't help but wonder if they were right. If so, she knew she couldn't allow her siblings to experience the same scorn she did. Looking up one last time and hoping for a miracle, the young girl decided to head back to bed.

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Arriving on the outskirts of the town and seeing the night sky, Naruto and Ravel could only sigh at each other. It looked like they should have accounted for the time difference. Deciding to use this time to set up a plan and get a feel for the land, Naruto led Ravel into town. "Soooooo, do you have any sort of plan?"

Smiling slightly at how her brother would wait until the last minute to worry about coming up with a strategy, Ravel could only shake her head. It wasn't like she didn't have a game plan, they simply were limited on any relevant information. "Not really. But, if we had to, we could always use the technique dad taught us."

Frowning in thought, Naruto couldn't help but grimace at how long it had taken him to learn that particular technique. "You know, I still find it unfair how quickly you were able to get it compared to me"

Giving her brother a dismissive wave, Ravel said, "We both know the only reason I learned it quicker was because you have so much power that it's a lot harder for you to control it."

Naruto nodded at her point. After all, it had taken him a month longer than her to master the rasengan. It was a move that in essence harnessed pure magical power and swirled it at high speeds, grinding into whatever it was used on. His father had only taught the twins and Ruval the rasengan for the simple reason of them being the only ones to ask. Riser and Ren there two older brothers had no interest in learning the move, Riser feeling he was already strong enough and Ren wanting to walk his own path.

Smiling at her brother's acceptance on why it took him longer, Ravel could only hope that nothing happened on their little 'mission'. Looking one last time at the sky, she subconsciously took Naruto's hand as they walked through town.

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Determining that it was early enough for people to be awake, the twins decided to find out where this 'demon' was located. Unsurprisingly, the people of the town where wary about giving out information on what they obviously considered an abomination. They

were, however, finally able to disclose that it was on the edge of the town, in an old house. With a brief nod to each other, they both started walking towards their destination.

Seeing her brother's gaze fall on her, Ravel couldn't help but ask. "Is something wrong?"

Nodding slowly and ready for the upcoming argument, Naruto offered a forced nod. "Should this demon prove to be strong, I want you to let me handle it. My regenerative powers don't take as long to work as yours do."

Frowning at basically being told to, as far as she was concerned, abandon her twin, Ravel could only shake her head. "It doesn't matter. Even if they take longer, I'll regenerate from any attack thrown at me."

Looking determinedly ahead and knowing they didn't have a lot of time left before they arrived, Naruto said, "This isn't up for debate Ravel, and while I may be your twin, I'm also your King, and I'm giving you an order."

Annoyed as well as happy that Naruto was willing to put himself in harm's way for her, and secretly pleased that he wasn't afraid to order her around, Ravel nodded. Looking ahead and seeing they had reached their destination, she could only trust that they'd be strong enough.

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Having sensed people outside and deciding to confront them while her siblings were still asleep, the 'demon' looked through one of the windows and was shocked to see two young children who were about her sisters age. More than slightly curious about their intentions, she opened the door and slowly walked outside.

Seeing the door open, Naruto and Ravel prepared themselves for whatever would come out. They were understandably surprised to see a teenage girl walk out, but they prepared themselves nonetheless. Naruto decided to start things off. "We have heard that there's a demon inhabiting this area. Would you happen to know where we could find it?"

Angered at being called that name once again, the girl could only hold up her demonic arm. "My name is Mirajane Strauss, and I've been called a demon ever since I defeated the demon that lived in the old church."

Now curious, Naruto decided to get to the bottom of the situation. "My name is Naruto Phenex, and next to me is my sister Ravel Phenex. We had heard rumors of a demon and wanted to investigate. It doesn't really look like you're a demon, though"

Grimacing slightly, Mirajane could only look back down at her arm. "To be honest, I don't know what I am anymore. But, if people are starting to come from out of town just to see me, then I do know I'm a danger to my siblings."

Deciding to take advantage of the situation, Ravel said. "You know, we could help you with that if you wanted."

Looking up, Mirajane couldn't help but be wary of the offer. "Why would you help me? You don't even know me?"

Getting where Ravel was going with this and deciding to trust her judgement, Naruto said. "I know that if anything ever happened to Ravel, I would do whatever I can to make it right. So I can understand your fear for you siblings."

Nodding at them being able to relate to her, Mirajane couldn't help but be slightly curious and hopeful. "So how could you help me?"

On seeing her brother nod at her, Ravel decided that it is best if she explains. "You see, we're actually devils, and as such, we have more resources to look into your condition. As part of a noble family, we have a vast library and special abilities that can help us figure out exactly how to reverse whatever happened to you."

Smiling at the offer, Mirajane allowed herself to hope that these two weren't just trying to trick her. "So, you can fix me so that no one will call me a demon anymore?"

Nodding at the question, Ravel tried to keep the grin off her face. "Yes, we can help you. However, in order to do so, you will have to become a devil. The only way for that to happen is for you to become a part of a King's peerage."

Not sure what a peerage was, Mirajane decided to find out what exactly this catch was. "So, what's a peerage and how exactly would I find a King?"

Deciding to take over, Naruto held up a red Pawn piece. "You see, a peerage is a group of people who have an evil chess piece put into their body. This chess piece will augment their skills as well as reincarnate them into a devil. A Queen piece will increase speed, strength, endurance, and magical ability, and is worth nine Pawns. A Rook piece will increase strength and endurance, and is worth five Pawns. A Knight piece increase speed and is worth three Pawns. A Bishop piece increases magical ability and is worth three Pawns as well. The last piece is the Pawn. While they do not give a boost in a specific category like the remaining pieces, they can promote into any other piece besides the King. They can do this when in enemy territory or with the permission of their King."

Nodding at the explanation, Mirajane was curious about the pros and cons of becoming a devil. "What exactly does becoming a devil grant me? Also, this seems to be pretty convenient. What are you leaving out?"

"The biggest benefit of becoming a devil is our extremely long life cycle. We can live for thousands of years while still retaining a youthful appearance. The only real problems are that you will gain a weakness for 'holy' objects as well as being a servant to your King."

Grimacing slightly at the thought of being forced to serve someone, Mirajane was about to tell them to stick their chess pieces up their asses. She was perfectly ready to do it until she remembered that with her going with them, her siblings would be safe. "If I agree, will I never be able to see my siblings ever again?"



Smiling at how much this girl cared for her siblings, Naruto shook his head. "No, I would allow you to visit them whenever you want, as long as it doesn't interfere with any tasks I give you."

Smiling at the thought of being able to see them again, Mirajane steeled herself and made her decision. "I'll do it! I'll join your peerage. Though what piece will I get?"

Smiling at his soon to be servant, Naruto took out 7 normal pawn pieces. "Before we do that, we're going to measure how many pieces it will take to reincarnate you. After all, I wouldn't want to use too many for someone that doesn't require it."

Nodding at the answer, Mirajane slowly walked over to the two and watched as her soon to be King placed a pawn in front of her. Seeing no reaction, he placed a second pawn in front of her and smiled at the glow coming from the pieces. Smiling at the fact that it wouldn't cost him too many pieces to reincarnate the girl, Naruto decided that he'd rather save his special pieces for the future in case he needed them.

"It looks like you'll cost two pawn pieces. So you'll become my Pawn and be able to promote to the other pieces later on."

Nodding at the thought of being able to promote to a queen and have an increase of everything, Mirajane asked. "So how exactly do we do this?"

Nodding at the question, Naruto explained the process. "In order to reincarnate someone, they must lie flat on the ground while I mutter an incantation and fuse the piece or pieces into their body. It's fairly straightforward though you will probably pass out afterwards. So, if you wish to say goodbye, I recommend you do it now."

Smiling at his thoughtfulness, Mirajane ran inside and wrote a quick letter to her siblings explaining what happened. She let them know that she would visit them once she cured her arm and that this was for the best. Once done, she walked outside hoping her leaving wouldn't affect them too much.

Motioning to the ground and watching as his new servant lay down, Naruto summoned the two pawn pieces and levitated them above her body. Smiling at the Phenex seal that appeared under her, he began his chant.

"I command thee, Mirajane Strauss, on my name Naruto Phenex."

The red pawn pieces began to change color to a royal blue while floating downwards.

"You shall become my pawn and lead a new life as a devil."

The now blue pawn pieces were sinking into her chest.

"You will lead a new life with great joy as a member of my peerage."

The pieces sunk the rest of the way into her body. Mirajane's body suddenly glowed a translucent blue before returning to normal. Once

the blue had faded, her demonic arm slowly transformed back into a human one. Smiling at the change, Mirajane knew that she had made the right choice. With that thought, she finally gave in to her exhaustion.

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Slowly waking up and feeling like she just got hit by a truck, Mirajane was shocked to find herself in what looked like a king sized bed. The bed itself was covered by a silver blanket which appeared to be made out of expensive material. Looking around, she noticed that the room was very spacious and looked to be painted in a royal blue color. Suddenly, it all came back to her. Meeting two devils, becoming a Pawn, and most importantly, her arm being cured. At the last thought, she quickly looked down at her once demonic arm and smiled in relief at seeing a normal arm again. Deciding she needed answers, Mirajane opened the door and started walking through a very elegant hallway. Immediately seeing what appeared to be a maid, Mirajane figured she'd ask her for directions to her king.

"Excuse me. I don't suppose you could give me directions to Naruto Phenex?"

The maid smiled gently at the new devil. "I'm sorry to say that Naruto isn't here at the moment. Rias Gremory requested an audience with him once he returned with you. Though Naruto did tell all of the servants to bring you to Ravel once you were awake."

Nodding at the maid, Mirajane was led to a dining room where she noticed that Ravel appeared to be eating with her family. Seeing her brother's new Pawn, Ravel turned to address her parents. "Mom, Dad, may I be excused so I can show Mirajane around?" On seeing her parents' nod, Ravel got up and led Mirajane to an orange door that already had her name crafted on it. Seeing her curious look, Ravel decided to answer what she assumed was her question. "It was made while you were asleep. As for the color, anyone that joins Naruto's peerage will have an orange door. Should you ever have any problems, our room is across from yours."

Nodding at the explanation, Mirajane did notice a royal blue colored door with the label "Naruto and Ravel's room, stay out". Turning back to Ravel, who seemed to be waiting patiently for her, she decided to ask where their missing King was. "The maid told me that Naruto had a meeting with someone. What exactly is the meeting about?"

Smiling at the older girl's curiosity, Ravel answered. "I wouldn't know. We weren't given a reason and I was told to stay in case you were to wake up."

Nodding slowly, Mirajane shrugged her shoulders. She was sure that Ravel, being a part of the same peerage, could answer any questions.

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Being led down a large hallway, Naruto couldn't help but wonder what Rias wanted to talk about. Finally stopping at a door which Naruto would assume was their destination, he nodded to the servant and knocked. Upon hearing someone say "enter", he opened the door and walked inside.

Inside was what looked like a conference room with a long table and at least twenty seats spread out alongside it. At the head of the table sat Rias looking decidedly nervous. Akeno was to her left and appeared more composed. Deciding to take the seat on Rias' right, Naruto sat down and waited.

He didn't have to wait for long. "I need you to help me break up this engagement!"

Surprised at how desperate she sounded, Naruto decided to find out the real problem. "I'm assuming that you either don't like my brother or this situation."

"I don't like either! Your brother sees only my status and my body, and this arrangement also forces me to marry someone against my will."

"And what do you want me to do? If you haven't noticed, it's my brother's engagement. I can't just tell my parents to cancel the wedding."

Growing annoyed at what could be her only way out slipping out of her hands, Rias said, "Okay, listen. My parents won't listen to me. I've told them hundreds of times to end the engagement. The only way to end it is through your parents."

"If I go to my parents and ask them to end the engagement, will you be satisfied?"

Practically beaming, Rias nodded her head.

"And what's your plan if they say no, which they will?"

Sighing at the knowledge it that might not be so easy, Rias could only look down at the table wondering why she had to have her future stolen. "It's the only way to end the engagement. So please, ask your parents."

"I'll do what I can. But, I won't make any promises. For what it's worth, even if you get married to Riser, I will protect you." Having said his piece, Naruto allowed himself to teleport back into his room in case his new servant was awake.

Blushing at the thought of a boy protecting her, Rias smiled at the spot where Naruto used to be. She wondered what exactly made Naruto so different from his brother but ultimately decided that she would find out.

Seeing her king blush, Akeno couldn't help but have some fun. "MMM you know, Buchou, they say the Phenex family has the ability to regenerate from any injury. I wonder what it would be like to punish someone like that?" Moaning slightly at the thought, Akeno couldn't help but wonder what she would give to have a sub like that.

Ignoring her Queen and the slight annoyance at Akeno for trying to get with Naruto, Rias hoped that everything would work out.

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"So, what you're saying is that there are these things called rating games that we will eventually compete in?"

Smiling at the older girl, Ravel nodded her head. It had been about two hours and Ravel had taught Mirajane all the relevant information she would need to know as a devil and as a member of her brother's peerage. Seeing a servant approaching them, Ravel decided to see what he had to say.

"Lady Ravel, your brother has requested you and Mirajane to meet him in the dining room."

Nodding at the servant, Ravel decided to go see what her brother needed. It did not take long for them to reach the dining room and she saw her brother going over different kinds of data on a map with a place called Uzushio circled. Slightly confused, and deciding to find out how her brother's meeting went, Ravel asked. "Is there any particular reason you have that town circled? And what did Rias want?"

"She wanted me to help her end the engagement. However, our parents refused."

Figuring that would be the answer, Ravel could only shake her head at the naive girl's attempt to get out of the relationship. "So, am I correct in assuming that you have found a way for her to get out of it?"

"Correct. The only way for her to get out of the marriage is for both the groom and the bride to want to end the marriage."

"But there's no way to get Riser to end the marriage."

"That's true. However, I can challenge Riser for Rias' hand, and should I win we can end the marriage."

Mirajane was genuinely surprised that her King was willing to go so far for some girl that he had apparently just met. She was also genuinely terrified by the demonic aura that Ravel was unleashing, no doubt caused by the thought of her brother marrying someone that wasn't her. She could tell that the girl had feelings for her brother, but decided that it wasn't her place to say anything. "So, how exactly do you plan on beating Riser? From what I've heard, he has a full peerage and you only have me and Ravel?"

"I won't be able to challenge Riser until the engagement party anyway since otherwise my parents can just make a new contract. I'm confident I can beat Riser, given a few years. However, I will need a full peerage if I want to be sure."

Seeing where this was going, and slowly inching away from the demonic looking Ravel, Mirajane could only nod at the plan. "So if we're increasing your peerage, would I be right in assuming that the circle on the map is our next target's location?"

"Yes. I've been looking for the location of the Bijū. I've been able to find out who the nine-tailed fox's container is. It's a girl named Kushina Uzumaki. She has the ability to make chains out of her body

that can suppress anything they touch. The reports I've been able to gather say that she's the last of her family and has only tapped into her power once when she was trying to save her parents."

Nodding at the explanation, Mirajane only had one thing to ask. "So, when do we leave?"

"I will be leaving tomorrow morning. You, however, are a reincarnated devil. Due to this, you are unused to your new abilities and will not be going anywhere. While I am gone, Ravel will help you control your new power." Having said his piece, Naruto walked away to get ready for tomorrow.

Glancing over at the girl that was supposed to train her and seeing that she was still glaring into space, Mirajane decided that she would be better off leaving her be. With that thought, she decided to go see when Naruto would be able to take her to visit her siblings.

Glancing around and not seeing anyone, Ravel teleported away intent on getting to the bottom of this issue.

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Rias was slowly walking through the back yard of her house enjoying how peaceful it was. She had a very emotionally stressful day and had hoped that walking around might help her cool her head. Seeing someone walking towards her and identifying them as the sister of the boy who had offered to help her, Rias smiled slightly. She figured he must have gotten his parents to agree if he was sending a messenger this early. So it was a very unprepared Rias Gremory that had to quickly jump out of the way of a massive fireball lest she be burned to a crisp

**\*\*Chapter End:\*\***

**\*\*Well I didn't think I'd be able to update this fast. Having a beta to check over my work really helped a lot though. I also just wanted to say that Kushina will be the last new peerage member for a couple of years. He's mostly going to spend his time getting stronger after that. I am still unsure about pairings but at this point I think I'm just gonna let the story progress and decide from there.\*\***

#### 4. Chapter 4

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**\*\*Chapter Start:\*\***

Walking through the hallways, Naruto was surprised to see his father coming towards him. "Hey, dad. You're not usually up this early. Do you need something?"

Nodding at his son, Minato could only sigh. "Apparently, Liexalon wants to meet me to discuss some changes to the marriage agreement between Riser and Rias. His reasoning is that due to an unforeseen development last night, he has decided that some changes could be made."

"So what does that have to do with me?"

"Hopefully, nothing. But, if it does, I want you to remember that I will give you the final say." Seeing his son nod, Minato ruffled his hair before teleporting away to his destination.

Looking at the spot his father was, Naruto couldn't help but remember the discussion he had with his father yesterday.

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"So, let me get this straight. You want me to help Rias break up the engagement?"

Nodding at his son, Minato shrugged his shoulders. "Not help her. I want you to make her believe that you're helping her. Rias, whether she knows it or not, controls the influence of a Satan. We cannot afford to let that influence turn against us. In order to do that, I want you to challenge Riser for Rias' hand should it look like the engagement is falling apart. Doing this will ensure that Rias sees you as an ally and will allow our family to stay in good standing with a Satan."

Nodding at the explanation, Naruto could see the point. However, he had a question. "What should I do if the engagement looks stable?"

"You will still challenge Riser. However, you will simply lose the battle. This will ensure that the engagement stands."

"Don't both families have to approve a challenge, though?"

Smiling at his son, Minato nodded his head. "They do have to approve. However, you're forgetting just how much any pillar family would want your power as part of their bloodline."

XXX (End Flashback) XXX

Shaking off the memory, Naruto continued on his way to get something to eat. Hopefully, the nine-tailed container would be relatively easy to recruit.

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Brushing her daughter's hair, Venallana could only wonder exactly how Rias' hair got so knotted up. "Would you like to tell me what happened, Rias? I can't help you if I don't know what the problem is."

"There's nothing to tell! One second I'm taking a peaceful walk and the next, I'm dodging fireballs and getting told to stay away from Naruto."

Smiling gently at her daughter and making sure not to touch any of the burn marks, Venallana could only sigh wistfully. "Oh, to be young again and fighting over the same boy."

"We are not fighting over him! Besides, even if we were, she wouldn't

stand a chance."

Giggling at her daughter, Venallana knew that this was the closest she would get to a confession. Going back to her task, she wondered what the future would hold for Rias. She may also be hoping for some blonde and red-headed grandchildren, but who could blame her?

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Kushina hadn't had a good day in years, not since her country was destroyed. She had only survived by using her ability to sense negative emotions. She had no idea how she had acquired that power. Her people were famous for their sealing techniques and no one ever had this ability. But, she had always been able to sense emotions. Recently, she had developed the ability to make chains made of an unknown quality from her body. These chains had the power to suppress anybody they touched, or so she was told. Unfortunately, this had caused a lot of people to notice her. All this led to the situation she currently found herself in. Blindfolded, exhausted, and being led by four people to gods knows where.

She had tried to fight them off, but an eight-year-old girl can't do much against four obviously trained individuals. The only thing she could do was hope for someone to rescue her. She knew that the villagers didn't really like her, after all, she was an outsider. She had first come to this town with high hopes of having a new life and making friends. Her dreams had quickly come crashing down when her first day of school ended with her in a corner, crying after the other kids had mocked her about looking like a tomato thanks to her hair. Her hair had always been a sore subject for her. It had caused constant teasing, and she sometimes wished if had simply been a different color. Now, however, it was the only thing she had to leave a trail.

Being a highly trained mercenary, Raido lived by three rules; the less you know, the better, if you're paid for a job, complete it no matter the cost, and morals will only hinder you. He had been hired by someone called Ay. The mission had been three other mercenaries and capture an eight-year-old girl. They had been able to capture her with relative ease and were currently behind her walking back to their destination. It had honestly been a simple mission, up until a fireball had come flying towards them.

Jumping out of the way of what looked like a blue flamethrower, Raido ignoring his now dying team, choosing instead, to turn his attention to the figure standing in between him and his mission. Quickly ducking under a kick, Raido swiftly retaliated with an upward thrust of his sword, only to watch as his adversary smoothly shifted to dodge the strike. Not wanting his opponent to get too close, Raido jumped back and decided to assess his situation. From the brief confrontation, he had been able to determine that while young, whoever this was he was undeniably skilled. He, however, couldn't figure out where this person could have come from and why he was obviously protecting this girl. His confusion turned to shock upon seeing his opponent suddenly become surrounded by the same blue flames that had killed his team.

"Who exactly are you?!"

Smiling slightly, the figure pulled down his hood to reveal the visage of Naruto Phenex. "You aren't worthy of the knowledge of my name. Now, perish under my flames."

Less than a second after that was said, a dragon formed out of the flames and went soaring towards the mercenary. Unable to escape, Raido could only watch himself be swallowed by the attack.

Naruto chose to ignore the dying man. Instead, he turned his attention to the girl he had rescued. Quickly noticing that she appeared to be close to collapsing, he gently scooped her up. Upon looking down at her, he was startled to see violet eyes staringback at him.

Kushina, upon noticing that she was being picked up, had reflexively stiffened, only to relax a second later when she looked up into the eyes of her savior. Glancing around, Kushina noticed that the people that had captured her were nowhere to be seen. "Where did they go and who are you?"

Smiling down at the girl, and carrying her away from the burning bodies, Naruto said. "My name's Naruto Phenex, and don't worry about those guys, they won't bother you again."

"But how did you find me? No one else could."

Using one arm to hold the girl, Naruto moved a strand of her hair away from her eyes. "It's hard not to notice such beautiful hair. Once I noticed it, I simply followed the trail you left and found you."

Looking up at the boy that had saved her from her fate, Kushina felt her eyes start to tear up. Giving her savior one last watery smile, she allowed her exhaustion to catch up with her and fell asleep.

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Seated across from his friend, Minato had a good idea what Liexalon planned to discuss during their meeting. It was no surprise, really, considering last night's scuffle between both their daughters and his youngest son's powers maturing at an abnormally fast rate. "I'm going to assume you have called a meeting to discuss the fight between our daughters."

Nodding at his friend's reasoning, Liexalon decided to start their meeting. "That was not the reason I called you here. It simply allowed me to do so without anyone questioning it."

"So, what exactly did you call me here for?"

"It has become known throughout the underworld that your son possesses the power to command blue fire, as I'm sure you're aware. My daughter, likewise, has the ability to use the Bael's power of destruction. I feel it's in both of our family's interests if wemerge these two bloodlines."

Figuring that this was the point of the meeting, Minato decided to be blunt. "And why should I allow the power that Naruto wields to leave the family? The contract already states that Rias will be married to



Riser. So, I would gain nothing while I stand to lose a lot. The other thing is, you're assuming I would need your daughter to marry Naruto if I want the power of destruction to be a part of my family."

Angered by Minato's casual dismissal of his plan, Liexalon said. "Rias has inherited the power of destruction from the Bael clan, and we both know it would be a major boon to any family to have that bloodline in their family."

Smiling at his friend, Minato decided to show his friend exactly what he thought of his plan. "You are failing to account for a lot of things. If all I needed was the power of destruction, I could just arrange a contract with the Bael family. I don't actually need Rias for that. My family also already has our regenerative powers as well as our control over both wind and fire. With Naruto's bloodline joining the rest, we don't have a problem getting recognition as it is."

Seeing that his friend wouldn't budge, Liexalon decided to end the meeting. "I understand and do not fault you, however, know that the offer will always stand."

Nodding once more at his friend, Minato excused himself and left the room.

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Mirajane was happily walking through the forest, having just visited her siblings. She had been given the right to visit her siblings this morning after her King had found out that Ravel wouldn't be able to help her due to her mother punishing her for her actions yesterday. It wasn't like Mirajane blamed Ravel, even she would admit that their King was definitely someone that would make a great husband one day.

Her siblings had informed her that they, unfortunately, would not be staying in the area for long. They had instead decided to venture off and locate a guild to call home. Mirajane had not been happy but ultimately agreed after they promised to stay in contact.

So, it was a cheerful Mirajane that stumbled upon a young girl who was crying. The girl appeared to only be five years old. She had dark blue hair and brown eyes. She was currently talking to herself. "At this rate, I'll never find Grandeeney."

Practically feeling her heart break at the sight, Mirajane decided to see if she could be of any help. Walking up to the girl and sitting down next to her, Mirajane said. "Hey, I'm sure you'll find whoever you're looking for."

Looking up at the white haired girl, Wendy only shook her head. "No, I won't. Grandeeney left me and now I'll be all alone and have nowhere to go."

Wrapping an arm around the young girl, Mirajane smiled. "I'm sure whoever Grandeeney is will eventually return, and if you really need a place to stay, you can come with me."

Looking up at the older girl, Wendy could only offer a watery smile.

"But, you don't even know me. Why would you help me?"

Hearing the question, Mirajane looked up at the horizon. She remembered all the nights she spent wondering why her parents had to die, why she was the one left to take care of her siblings, and why she had felt so alone. Looking back over at the young girl, she said. "It's because you remind me of myself and that's why I want to help you."

Looking down at the ground, Wendy mumbled something.

Unable to hear her, Mirajane leaned in closer. "I'm sorry. I didn't quite catch that. What did you say?"

Mustering up her courage, Wendy looked up into the older girl's eyes. "My name is Wendy Marvel."

Smiling at the girl, Mirajane said. "Well, it's nice to meet you, Wendy. My name is Mirajane Strauss, but just call me Mira. Now, why don't we get you someplace where you can sleep? You look exhausted."

Nodding at the older girl, Wendy let herself be led away. "So Mira, do you live alone?"

Mirajane shook her head at the question. "I used to live with my siblings, but now, I live with my master and his family."

"Oh, you're sure he won't mind me staying with you?"

Eagerly nodding her head, Mirajane said. "Of course, I'm sure he will be okay with it."

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"I am not okay with this."

Mirajane could only frown at her King wondering how exactly is she going to make this work. "I couldn't just leave her there. She's only a little girl. Couldn't she just stay with us for a little while?"

Naruto could only sigh at his Pawn. It wasn't like he didn't want to help the girl. However, devil families couldn't exactly take in humans unless they were planning on having them join their peerage. "Look, I don't think you realize this, but we're currently in the underworld. Humans aren't exactly supposed to be down here if you haven't realized."

"Well, I can't just tell her to leave! She has nowhere to go."

Frowning at the girl, Naruto held up three fingers. "Three years and not a day longer. She will be your responsibility and you will be punished for any trouble she gets in."

Beaming at her King, Mirajane nodded her head. "Thank you! I promise you that you won't regret this!"

"We will need a story to tell everyone, though. Humans are seldom

allowed in the underworld, as I said. So, for now, we'll just say that she is a future member of my peerage that will be joining us in a couple years."

Understanding her King's reasoning, Mirajane gave a brief nod and left to check up on her new charge.

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It was a very disgruntled Ravel that was walking down the hallway. She had not known that her mother could be such a slave driver. But then again, she was a devil. As far as she was concerned, it had been entirely worth it, just to see the terrified look on Rias' face. Smiling slightly at the memory, Ravel couldn't help but remember exactly how she had earned her punishment.

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Ravel couldn't ever remember being this angry. How dare that girl think that she could manipulate her brother into marrying her? She didn't care who you were, nobody took her twin away from her. It was with this mindset that she teleported to the Gremory Estate just to teach this girl exactly what happens when you mess with her family.

Upon seeing the cause of her ire, Ravel had thrown a fireball and was delighted in how quickly the girl had jumped away from the attack. Deciding to press her advantage, she formed flames in both her hands and threw them in the spot where she knew the girl would land. Taking smug satisfaction at watching the now slightly burned girl barely escape, Ravel was unsurprised to see her looking at her in confusion. "Let me be very clear. Try to take Naruto away from me, and I will roast you!" Having said her piece, Ravel threw one more fireball. Swiftly turning around, she teleported away hopefully not attracting any attention.

XXX (Flashback end) XXX

She had, of course, not taken into account the cameras posted around the estate and had therefore been caught. Her mother had swiftly decided to punish her for the rest of the day once she had heard about the incident from her father. She, however, knew that there was no way Rias Gremory would try to take her brother away for at least the foreseeable future.

Rounding a corner, and seeing a redhead walking in the opposite direction, Ravel felt her temper get the best of her. It would seem that Rias would need another lesson in why it was unwise to cross her. Swiftly conjuring a fireball and throwing it down the hallway, Ravel took smug satisfaction in hearing Rias jump out of the way. Well, she did until she heard a shout of "What the hell Dattebane!" followed by a slew of curses. Upon realizing that the person she had attacked was not, in fact, Rias Gremory, Ravel decided that retreating was her only option. Swiftly teleporting away, Ravel hoped that her mother would not find out and decide to punish her again.

-X-(two year time skip)

Sitting next to one of his Pawns, Naruto tried to understand the complex formulae she was making. However, most of it was above

anything he could understand. "What exactly does that circle there do?"

Looking to where she assumed her King was looking, Kushina could only sigh. "We've been over this. That's what ties the time-space sequence together. You know, at this rate, there's no way you're going to learn the technique in time."

Smiling at his Pawn, Naruto said, "I don't need to learn the entire technique in time. I simply have to learn the marking mechanism of the technique."

"That's understandable. But, I still don't get why you are even creating this technique. You're already able to transport yourself. Why do you need to do it faster?"

"If I can transport myself faster, then I can use it in battle. The capabilities are endless. It also will be very useful during any future rating games."

Nodding at her King, Kushina couldn't help but ask. "Why are you so determined to learn it before you're fourteen anyway?"

Gaining a determined look, Naruto said, "My peerage may have three members. However, I still need more. I'm going to need any edge I can get against Riser."

"So what's the plan teleport around the place to recruit people?"

Smiling at how naive his pawn could be, Naruto shook his head. "No, I'm going after a specific group of people."

"And who is this group that you're going after?"

"Yokai. And the easiest place to find them is the Yokai Academy, where we will be going."

Kushina had been in the midst of nodding when she realized exactly what her king was saying. "N00000000000000000000."

Evidently, Kushina was not a fan of school

**\*\*Chapter End\*\***

**\*\*So I'm sorry about not updating earlier, but i figured I should just post two chapters on the same day. Hope you don't mind, also I was pleasantly surprised to see a lot of you questioning how Naruto accepted Rias's engagement which was awesome because that's exactly what I wanted.\*\***

## 5. Chapter 5

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**\*\*Chapter Start:\*\***

Jumping up, Kushina barely dodged the blast of wind that had been

aimed at her. Quickly lashing out with a chain, she was unsurprised to see her opponent dodge it. She, however, was surprised to see her opponent grab the chain and pull it. Flying through the air and unable to escape the hold her opponent had on the chain, she was only able to brace herself for the attack that she knew was coming. After waiting for what felt like an eternity, she opened her eyes to see a fist directly in front of her face. She quickly relaxed once she saw that she was safe, only to be unprepared for the fist that pounded on the top of her head. Looking up at the assailant and gingerly holding her head, Kushina felt a bump forming.

"Next time, don't put all of your stock into a single move, especially knowing that your opponent can use it against you."

Nodding, Kushina looked up at her assailant and said. "I understand. But that doesn't mean you have to hit me. What kind of king abuses his peerage?" Having said her piece, Kushina turned away with a huff.

"Aww, don't start pouting like that, Kushina. You know that I care for all of you guys. You're my family." Noticing that she was still refusing to look at him, Naruto decided to pull out his trump card. "You know, it's a shame that you're so upset. I was going to take you out for ramen, but if you don't want to go, I'll understand." Walking away and counting down from three, Naruto was unsurprised to feel someone tackle him once he reached two.

"Really, can we get ramen at Ichirakus, dattebane?"

Sighing at the girl's love of anything ramen, Naruto nodded his head and was promptly dragged away.

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Walking next to her brother's pawn, well the pawn that she actually liked, Ravel smiled at the older girl. "So, how was your last visit with your siblings?"

Beaming at her Queen, Mirajane said, "It was awesome. It's only too bad that Wendy couldn't come. I know she would have loved to hang out with Lisanna again."

Nodding at the Pawn, Ravel knew how Wendy looked up to Mirajane as an older sister, and by proxy, her siblings as older siblings as well. "It couldn't be helped. She's on an important mission for our King."

"I still don't understand why Naruto asked Wendy to take that mission right after she joined his peerage."

It was true. After Naruto had turned Wendy into his bishop, he had immediately sent her on an important mission. "Currently, Naruto plans to take me and the tomato with him to the Youkai Academy. However, the only way to actually get into the school is to be invited."

Casually ignoring Ravel's nickname for her fellow pawn, Mirajane nodded her head at her Queen's words. "Even if I can understand the reasoning, it doesn't mean that I have to like it."

Understanding the girl's worry, Ravel pulled her into a quick hug. "It's okay. Our King knows what he's doing. I'm sure Wendy will be perfectly safe."

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A young girl ran as fast as her legs could carry her, hoping to make it in time. Seeing a corner and knowing that she was running out of time, she whispered "Vernier". Upon feeling the spell take hold, the girl was happy to see her destination in sight. With a smile on her face, she quickly reached for the door, only to hear a bell go off before she could turn the knob. Bracing herself for what was in store, she quickly opened the door and tried to slide into her seat unnoticed. "Wendy Marvell! This is your third time being late. I expect better from you, young lady." It would seem like she still had to work on her stealth. Mumbling a quick "Sorry, ma'am", Wendy took her assigned seat smiling at the girl sitting next to her.

Upon seeing her friend once again running late, the girl could only sigh. "I swear Wendy, it's only your first week. Why are you always late?"

Scratching the back of her head, a habit that she had picked up from Kushina, Wendy could only shrug. "I'm not the best with waking up in the morning. Not all of us love getting up as early as you, Kunou."

Giving her friend her best impression of a vulpine grin, Kunou said. "Well, if I didn't get up so early, I wouldn't be able to see the sunrise, and I love all the pretty colors."

"Ms. Marvell and Ms. Izanami, finish your conversation on your own time. Right now, I want you both to focus on what I am teaching."

Blushing bright red, both girls lowered their heads and mumbled a "Yes, ma'am."

Still looking down, Wendy couldn't help but remember how she had gotten assigned this 'mission' in the first place.

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Having felt like she was just run over by a truck, Wendy groggily opened her eyes. Looking around her room, she was surprised to see her new King leaning against the wall. "Ummm, did you need anything, sir?"

Smiling at his new Bishop, Naruto shook his head. "Wendy, I may be your King, but I'm still your friend. So, just call me Naruto."

Nodding at his words, Wendy could only smile. "I knew I made the right decision trusting you."

Walking over to the girl, Naruto slightly ruffled her hair. "I know you just woke up. However, I have a mission that only you can complete, Wendy."

Looking up in surprise at hearing her King say that she was the only one that could complete this 'mission', Wendy nodded her head. "What is the mission you want me to complete, Naruto?"

Handing her a uniform and enjoying her confused look at the clothes, Naruto said. "It's quite simple. As you know, I need to gain more members for my peerage. My best bet is to recruit different groups of Youkai due to their unique powers. In order to have free reign in choosing them, I would need to go to the Youkai Academy. What you may not know is that you need to be invited to Youkai Academy in order to attend."

Wendy still didn't understand how this could relate to her, though. "So how exactly do you get invited? And how does this relate to me?"

Patting her head, Naruto responded. "Well, you see, the only people that can invite people to the Youkai Academy are the leaders of the different Youkai Factions. There just so happens to be a Youkai that attends the school you will be enrolling to, whose mother leads the Faction in Kyoto. Your mission is to get the girl to agree to have a meeting with me.

Looking down at the uniform that she was going to have to wear, Wendy could only wonder if she was really qualified for this task.

XXX (Flashback end) XXX

Deciding to worry about the details of her mission later, Wendy went back to listening to her teacher.

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Watching in horror, the patrons of the stand couldn't believe just how much ramen this little redhead could eat. Looking around and seeing everyone's reaction to his Pawn's eating habits, Naruto could only chuckle. Looking up from what was her seventh bowl, Kushina tilted her head trying to figure out why her King was laughing at her. Upon seeing his Pawn tilt her head while simultaneously trying to slurp up a noodle of ramen that was hanging from her mouth, Naruto promptly fell off his stool laughing. Thinking that he was laughing at her, Kushina's face promptly matched her hair. "Hey, don't laugh at me. Don't you know it's rude to laugh at a lady?"

Wisely ignoring the impulse to ask her what kind of lady eats her own weight in ramen, Naruto could only chuckle. "I'm sorry, but you're just so cute that I can't help but laugh when you do funny things."

Blushing even more, Kushina began twirling her hair in order to hide just how nervous she was. "Idiot. Don't say those type of things. You're going to give me the wrong idea."

Looking up in confusion at her words, Naruto said. "I don't get what you mean. I'm just being honest. I really am a lucky guy to have such a cute girl in my peerage."

Looking around and seeing everyone glancing knowingly at her, Kushina held her hands up to her face hoping no one would see her blushing

face, or the tiny smile that she was wearing.

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Laying down in his bed, Naruto was currently trying to pass out for the night, only to be woken up by the soft knocking at his door. Grumbling about people not knowing how much beauty sleep he needed in order to get through his day, Naruto flung his door open. 'POOF.' Distantly realizing that his head was on fire, Naruto chose to instead focus on the girl that had decided to come into his room at this time of night. Wearing what looked like the cutest pair of princess pajamas that Naruto had ever seen, and looking as nervous as she had ever been, stood Naruto's younger sister, Ravel.

Upon seeing her brother looking at her and watching his head catch fire, Ravel could only giggle. "It's nice to see that happen to someone besides me for a change. I hope you don't mind, but it's really dark in my room, and I was hoping to stay with you for the night."

Smiling at his sister and finally getting his blush under control, Naruto held the door open in order to let her in. "It's fine with me. You don't have to be nervous, Ravel. We're twins and it's my job to protect you." Walking past her and getting back into the bed, Naruto nearly laughed at how nervous Ravel looked. Deciding to take pity on his sister, Naruto moved to the farther side of the bed while holding up the covers of his bed. Nervously, Ravel crawled into the bed with her brother and shifted until she was laying with her head on his chest. Letting her brother's heartbeat lull her into sleep, Ravel couldn't help but wish to stay like this forever.

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Waking up softly and seeing no one around, Ravel was understandably disappointed. She, however, was happy to realize that last night wasn't just a dream. Deciding to go get breakfast while it was still warm, Ravel left her brother's room and started walking down the hallway. She had just crossed a corner when she noticed her least favorite person turning in the same direction as her. "I'm surprised you're up this early. I assumed that a tomato like you would choose to sleep in"

Feeling her temper rise at the barb at her looks, Kushina decided to get revenge. "That's pretty big talk for Yakitori."

"Tomato"

"Yakitori"

"Shorty"

"Who are you calling shorty! You're shorter than me."

"Humph, that's beside the point."

"And how is that beside the point? You're just upset that I called you on it."

"That's big talk from a tomboy like you."



"Better a tomboy than a little princess."

Quickly having enough of the other girl, Ravel turned away from her. "I'm going to ignore you, there's no reason for me to allow you to ruin my morning." Walking away from the fuming redhead, Ravel couldn't help the smug smile that formed on her face.

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Jumping away from another destroyed tree, Naruto couldn't help but look down at his arm. His once perfect arm now had burn marks running down it. These marks, however, told just how powerful his new attack was. Deciding to try once more, Naruto focused all of his power into his right arm and was rewarded with blue flames surrounding the appendage. Condensing the flames into only his hand, as well as raising the temperature of the flames, Naruto leaped one more time at a tree and thrust his hand against it. Pulling his arm out of the now destroyed tree, Naruto allowed himself to collapse and smiled at his new technique.

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Looking at his friend, Minato could only sigh. "I know what she did was wrong, but surely a whole race doesn't deserve to die for one person's mistake."

Liexalon could only frown at his friend. "I don't agree with it either. I'm simply informing you that any Nekoshou or Nekomata that isn't a part of a peerage now has a kill on sight order."

"Has there been any news that could explain why she did it?"

Shaking his head, Liexalon could only sigh. "All we have been able to gather is what her sister has told us. She went insane through the power of Senjutsu and slaughtered her King."

Looking distinctly uncomfortable, Minato said. "We both know that's most likely a cover up of some kind, especially considering the reputation the members of that family have towards the way they treat their peerage."

Nodding at Minato's assessment, Liexalon said. "I figured the same thing. Sirzechs rescued the sister right before she was to be executed. Now, she is one of my daughter's Rooks."

"I understand. Both what you're saying and what you're not saying." Having said his piece, Minato teleported away.

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Mirajane had been shocked when she found the state her King was in. "I swear, what could have been so important that you needed to put yourself in this condition?"

Smiling at his pawn, Naruto couldn't help but smile at the annoyed look she was giving him. "I have to be strong enough to protect all of you. With this, I'll be one step closer."

Shaking her head at her stubborn King, Mirajane could only wonder why

he constantly felt the need to carry everyone's troubles by himself. "Idiot, we're here for you. You don't have to do it all on your own." Seeing him nodding at her words, Mirajane flashed him a smile. "Soo, have you decided on a name for your new technique?"

Nodding his head, Naruto said. "Yeah, it's called Vaikirai, though it's still imperfect. I can currently use it only thrice before the damage to my arm becomes too great. I need to find a way to control the fire better, so it doesn't end up injuring me as well."

"Well, I have faith that you'll be able to complete this new technique."

Smiling at his Pawn, Naruto hoped her faith wasn't unfounded and that he could actually live up to her words.

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Having just gotten home, Minato found his wife patiently waiting for him. "You really didn't have to wait for me, honey. The meeting with Liexalon went slightly longer than I expected."

Nodding at her husband, Raven could only sigh. "Did you know that Naruto had been working on a new technique?"

Smiling at his wife, Minato said "Are you talking about him trying to reproduce my Hiraishin? Because if you are, I had assumed you knew about that."

Raven simply shook her head. "No. While that is impressive, and I have no doubt that most of his progress is thanks to his pawn, I'm talking about a different technique. I just received a report that Naruto is currently resting thanks to burn marks on his arm caused by his own flames."

Minato nodded at the new information. "It must be quite a technique if it can burn even a member of our clan, especially one who's able to command the blue flames."

Raven simply smiled. It would seem like her son would become a genius just like his father. "Exactly. I'm starting to believe he just might become a Satan one of these days."

Nodding at his wife, Minato said, "If anyone can do it, I have no doubt that it will be Naruto."

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Wendy was having an amazing day. First, she and Kunou had gone to the playground and played for a couple of hours. They had to eventually stop when Mirajane had come to pick her up and had offered to treat the two to ice cream. Now, Wendy sat eating her ice cream while listening to Kunou telling Mirajane all about their day. It was one of these moments that Wendy felt like she really belonged somewhere. She knew she was an orphan, and that Grandeeney wasn't her actual mother. It didn't mean she would ever stop searching for Grandeeney. However, she was content where she was. This was her family.

Looking out of the window, Wendy was surprised to see what looked like two girls dressed up in cat suits standing across the street.

Watching a bus pass by their location and not seeing them anymore, she decided she must just be seeing things and went back to her ice cream.

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Around a statue stood ten figures, each wearing what looked like cloaks with red clouds adorning them. The figure to the immediate right said, "The reports have been able to locate the one-tailed container and the four-tailed container."

Nodding at what he heard, the figure in the middle spoke next. "We have also gotten reports from our sources saying that the nine-tailed container is currently attached to the 'key' to our plan."

The figure standing to the left of the last figure spoke, "We will continue to observe our targets for now. We will not be ready to commence our operation for a good number of years still."

Hearing the last figure talk, the rest faded away revealing that they were never there, except for the one to the last figure's right. Turning around they both walked back into the darkness surrounding the statue.

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Currently, we find Naruto and his peerage standing in front of his mother. "Mom, what did you want to see us for?"

Smiling at her son, Raven said, "Well, Naruto, now that both you and Ravel are ten-years-old, I figured it was about time I took you to the familiar forest. Of course, your peerage gets to come with you."

**\*\*Chapter End\*\***

**\*\*Here's the second one and just because I dont think ive said it before thanks for the reviews its nice to get feedback. I hope you guys enjoyed getting two chapters at the same time, this probably wont happen again.\*\***

## 6. Chapter 6

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**\*\*Chapter Start\*\***

Following his mother to what looked like a giant forest, Naruto was surprised to see her looking up into one of the trees. Following her gaze, he saw what might have been the creepiest thing he'd ever seen in his life. Standing on top of a branch was a man. He looked like a grown up version of Ash Ketchum from that show he and Ravel used to watch. He wore a baseball cap that was worn backwards allowing his red hair to be seen. His clothes weren't that much better. He wore a white sleeveless shirt and a pair of jeans that looked like they were falling apart. "Gotta Catch em all!" he shouted. Oh God, he knew what was going to haunt his nightmares for the foreseeable future.

Raven couldn't help but laugh at the look her son and his peerage was giving the familiar master. It reminded her of when she was young and had had that same expression. It left her wondering what her familiar was doing currently. She had gotten a phoenix as a familiar. Granted, practically everyone in her family had obtained the same familiar. The only exceptions had been Minato's toads and Ren's Undine. Ren still claimed that the Undine had been a great idea due to their healing powers and their ability to control their family's greatest weakness.

Looking at the rest of her brother's peerage, and trying to block out the images of this man lest she throws up, Ravel decided to ask who she assumed was the acclaimed familiar master. "Excuse me, sir. I'm assuming that you're the familiar master? I was wondering exactly what types of familiars reside in this forest?"

Smiling at the little girl and puffing his chest out, the familiar master replied. "Yes, I the great Zatouji, am the master of this forest. I can help you get any familiar, from the smallest pixie to the biggest dragon. Luckily, the full moon has just risen and we have plenty of time to get you all familiars." Seeing them nod at him, Zatouji hopped down from his branch and motioned them to follow him.

Looking around and moving closer to Mirajane, Wendy was trying not to allow her nervousness at every noise to show. "There aren't any scary creatures in here, are there?"

Seeing Wendy so terrified, Mirajane gently took her hand. "It's okay, Wendy. I'm sure we can handle anything that comes our way. After all, we have Naruto and Lady Phenex here with us. I promise you there's nothing to worry about."

Apparently not realizing how frightened the young girl was, Kushina said, "I hope there is something totally cool. Oh, are there any dragons in here? I'd love to get one of those as my familiar."

Ravel couldn't believe just how stupid that girl could be. "You do realize that there's no way we would be able to fight a dragon as we are, let alone make it a familiar. Do you ever use your brain?"

Knowing what would happen should Kushina respond to the barb, Naruto decided to end the argument before it even started. "Ravel, don't mock Kushina's intelligence. I know she sometimes says things without thinking, but we both know how smart she can be when it's needed. Kushina, please think before you say things like that. I for one, would rather not have to fight a dragon just because you wanted to make one your familiar."

Seeing both girls blushing at being called out on their actions, Mirajane noticed Wendy looking like she wanted to ask something. "Wendy, if you're curious about something, you can ask. I promise none of us will make fun of you if that's what you're worried about."

Looking around and seeing everyone nodding at her, Wendy steeled herself and didn't dare let herself hope too much. "Is there a dragon named Grandeeney in here? Kushina said that there could be dragons and I've been looking for Grandeeney since I was five and was hoping

you might know where she is."

Shaking his head sadly at the girl, Zatouji said, "Sorry little lady, there aren't any dragons with that name that live here. There is a dragon that might know. However, she'd sooner bite your head off than tell you anything." Upon seeing the little girl's gaze drop, Zatouji decided to get their attention off of dragons. "Besides, there are plenty of helpful familiars in this forest." Seeing what he was looking for he pointed to a group of Undines who were bathing in a creek. "Take an Undine for example. They may not be that attractive but they have amazing healing abilities and an impressive control over water."

Perking up at remembering she would still get a new friend, and banishing thoughts of her dragon mother, Wendy turned to Zatouji. "Are there any creatures in here that are good at travelling? I get really bad motion sickness sometimes."

Thinking of what kind of familiar would be good at both transportation as well as work well with the girl, Zatouji rubbed his chin. He supposed Pegasi wouldn't work since they tended to like those with confidence. She was also a devil, so that would make her unable to bond with a unicorn. He supposed that he could take her to meet the newest creature to join his forest. After all, they seemed compatible. Nodding his head at the idea, he led them to what looked like a white cat that had some kind of wings attached to it. The odd thing was that it was wearing a green shirt and blue pants, with a green ribbon attached to its tail. "Her name's Carla. I've been able to gather that she's what's known as an exceed, which basically makes her a talking cat that can fly."

Nodding at the man and approaching the exceed that was currently staring at her with curiosity, Wendy held out her hand smiling at the exceed. "Hi. My name's Wendy! It's nice to meet you! Would you like to be partners?"

Looking at the girl that had approached her, Carla nodded slowly. "And why exactly should I be your partner? You don't look like much."

Lowering her head at the blunt dismissal of her, Wendy slowly shook her head. "I used to think the same thing. But then I met these guys, and I realized that even if I couldn't do something, they would help me. I know I'm not that strong right now, but I promise you that if you become my familiar, you won't regret it."

Nodding at the girl and holding up her hand, Carla said, "Well, if we're going to be partners, I expect you to keep that promise."

Nodding at the exceed, Wendy grasped the hand and shook it. She knew she might not be the strongest, but one day, she could be.

Seeing one of her charges getting their familiar, Raven turned to the rest of the group. "Okay, now that Wendy has hers, does anybody else know anything they're looking for in their familiars?"

Seeing the others hadn't responded, Mirajane decided she might as well go next. "Are there any familiars that would be able to transport messages across long distances?"

Nodding at his pawn, Naruto had figured she'd want something that would make communicating with her siblings easier. He watched as the still creepy man begin to mutter about different creatures he knew, from something called a 'sprite dragon' to a 'brownie', whatever that was. He was, however, happy to note the smile on his Bishop's face, something she has been doing a lot more these days. He still remembered the conversation he once had with her concerning that smile.

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Sighing at his pawn's insistence on bringing a human girl into his home, Naruto could only shake his head. He'd been going out on a giant limb by allowing her to stay, something he had no doubt he would be hearing about from his parents. It would have been so easy to say no, but he just couldn't do it. She obviously had no other option and he couldn't have Mirajane resent him, not when she was practically bound to him for life. Walking down a corridor, Naruto was surprised to see the girl in question looking lost. Deciding he couldn't just avoid her now that he was stuck with her for the foreseeable future, he decided to see if he could be of any help. "Hi, my name's Naruto Phenex. I'm assuming you're Wendy. Mirajane told me about you."

Looking up at the boy and distantly realizing that this was Mirajane's apparent master, Wendy bowed. "Hi, my name's Wendy and I wanted to thank you for allowing me to stay here. I promise I won't do anything to upset anybody."

Looking at the girl bowing to him and remembering how much he hated all of that formal stuff, Naruto shook his head. "Listen, you don't have to bow to me. Mirajane has already promised to look after you and keep you out of trouble, and I trust my Pawn."

Smiling at the boy, Wendy shook her head. "I'm sorry. Grandeeney always told me that it was polite to bow to those that help you out." Upon realizing that she had mentioned her dragon mother, Wendy couldn't help the frown that she made.

Seeing the cute little girl frown, Naruto motioned to the end of the hallway. "I'm assuming you're looking for Mirajane. If you are, she's down the hall, in the dining room. You can't miss it."

Smiling at the help, Wendy turned around and started walking in the other direction. She was forced to stop, however, when she felt someone lay a hand on her shoulder. Turning back around, she saw Naruto giving her a very serious look.

"I don't know what happened to you in your past, and frankly, it doesn't matter. I just want to let you know that you have Mirajane now, and you have me." Upon seeing the girl give him a shaky nod, Naruto leaned back and used one hand to scratch the top of his head. "Just promise me you'll try to smile more. It's not good to be frowning all the time."

Nodding her head, Wendy said, "I promise, and thanks again for the directions." Before promptly sprinting off towards the dining room.

Watching the girl go, Naruto could only shake his head before deciding to go find his Queen for some more training.

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Shaking his head at the memory, Naruto was surprised to feel something tugging at his pants. Looking down, he was surprised to see what looked like a black and white kitten looking up at him. The cat was predominately white with black stripes going down its back. It looked to be no more than a couple of months old and had bright hazel eyes. Picking it up and putting it in front of his face, Naruto couldn't help but chuckle when he felt it softly lick his cheek.

Stopping his monologue of all the different creatures that were good messengers, Zatouji was surprised to see one of the young devils holding what looked like a white tiger cub. It was very rare to see one of them approach anybody, especially with how picky they could be on who they allowed to be their master. "Well, my boy, it looks like that little tiger has taken a liking to you. They're excellent battle partners as well as guards. They've also shown to be incredibly loyal to those they choose. However, looking at how young that one is, it won't be able to do much besides delivering messages for the foreseeable future."

Nodding at Zatouji while looking at the apparent tiger cub in his arms, Naruto smiled when he heard it meow at him. "So, how do I tell if it's a boy or a girl."

Smiling at the boy, Zatouji answered, "Well, normally I'd say to just check it but judging from the way its markings look, I can tell it's a girl. I'm assuming you're going to pick her as your familiar."

Confused, Naruto said, "I didn't realize I was able to. I assumed her parents wouldn't want me taking her."

Shaking his head, Zatouji replied, "Actually, you can since there's no way her parents would have ever let her get close to you, we can safely assume they're not around anymore."

Looking down at the happy looking cub, Naruto nodded his head. "Well girl, it looks like we're going to be partners. I hope you don't mind me giving you a name." Seeing the tiger looking up at him, Naruto continued, "Hmmm you definitely are a cute little cub. How about Kiara?" Hearing a meow in response, Naruto smiled. "Well, it looks like I found my familiar."

Looking up, he was surprised to see Kushina in front of him with stars in her eyes. "She's so cute! I'm so jealous that you got such a cute familiar." Getting a meow in response from the cub, Kushina couldn't help but start petting the little animal. Hearing a satisfied noise in response, she decided she'd definitely have to get something that was as cute as this little girl.

Raven could only shake her head in disbelief at her son. No one in their family had ever gotten a feline as a familiar, but she supposed her son did have a knack for the unpredictable. Glancing down at her daughter who appeared to be smiling at her brother's accomplishment, Raven said, "So Ravel I don't suppose you have a specific familiar

you would like to have?"

Looking up at her mother, Ravel could only shrug. "Not really. I know I want a bird of some kind, but I don't want to just have a Phoenix, like most of our family. I want to be like Naruto and walk my own path."

Looking down at her daughter with the unmistakable feeling of pride, Raven nodded her head. "With that mindset, I'm sure you'll go far, Ravel. Just be sure not to let anyone else steal what's important to you." Giving her daughter a wink as she said the last part, Raven turned to Zatouji, who appeared to be finishing up a conversation with Mirajane. "I don't suppose you have been able to figure out a familiar that would suit Mirajane."

Looking up at Raven, Zatouji nodded. "From what Mirajane has told me, she wishes for a messenger type familiar that is capable of observation and is relatively small."

"And what creature matches that description?"

"Well, the only one that matches that description, and would be compatible, would be a pixie and luckily they're not that far from here. We just need to pass through the Pegasi that lives around them."

Nodding at his words, Raven followed Zatouji to a giant pasture that was full of different kinds of Pegasus. They looked exactly like a regular horse, just with the added addition of wings attached to their backs.

Seeing the awed looks the group was giving the Pegasi, Zatouji asked, "While we're here, do any of you wish to have a Pegasus as a familiar? They are wonderful for travel and have been known to be wonderful support in air battles."

Looking at all of the Pegasi, Kushina nodded her head. "I'd like one. Is there any specific way to pick one?"

Nodding at the girl, Zatouji said, "No, just decide which one you'd like to have and simply approach them and hold out your hand. If they put their head against it, then you can have them, and if they don't, then you'll have to try again."

Nodding at the man, Kushina looked around the field until she saw a pure white Pegasus that seemed to be getting a drink further away from the rest. Steeling herself, Kushina slowly approached that one and wasn't surprised to see it watching her every move the closer she got. Remembering what Zatouji told her to do, Kushina held out her arm, while also closing her eyes when she was close enough to the Pegasus. At first, she felt nothing and had assumed that maybe she just wouldn't be getting a familiar today, but she eventually felt something nudging her hand. Opening her eyes, Kushina was surprised to see the Pegasus looking at her and giving her a nod. Overcome with happiness, Kushina wrapped her arms around her new familiar's neck and rubbed along its back.

Seeing that the girl had picked her familiar, Zatouji nodded his head. "Now, since it might be tedious to bring her away from her pack, why don't you make the contract now? Your two friends can also



make their contracts too while we're doing it."

Nodding at the man, Naruto and Wendy placed Carla and Kiara on the ground next to the Pegasus and walked a couple feet away from them. Going over to her King, Kushina stood next to him, and they all looked at their familiars. Three orange seals suddenly appeared underneath the creatures.

"I Naruto Phenex bind thee to me."

"I Kushina Uzumaki bind thee to me."

"I Wendy Marvell bind thee to me."

The seals all glowed brightly as each one disappeared, only to reappear on each creature's back before fading away. Grinning at their familiars, Naruto and Wendy quickly scooped theirs back up while Kushina promised to summon hers whenever she got the chance. Walking away from the Pegasus' the group was surprised to see a giant tree with what looked like hundreds of lights floating around it.

Smiling at the group's looks, Zatouji motioned to the tree. "Welcome to the Great Tree, home to all of the Pixies in this forest."

Waking up to the man, Mirajane asked, "Exactly how am I supposed to pick from all of these Pixies?"

"Well, we simply call down the Pixie Elder. He will ask you a couple of questions, and your answers will decide who you get assigned as a familiar." No sooner had he said that did an elderly Pixie float down to the group. He had greying hair that went down to his shoulders and looked to be in his seventies. He seemed to be wearing some sort of Green Robes, with blue stripes going down both sides.

Looking up at the group, the Pixie smiled at Zatouji. "Am I to assume that you have come here to ask for one of my people to become a familiar."

Nodding at the Pixie, Zatouji motioned Mirajane to come forward. "This young girl wishes to make a contract with a Pixie mostly for the purpose of delivering messages."

Smiling at the girl, the elder motioned at the tree. "As I'm sure you understand, I take the safety of my people very seriously. I, therefore, won't give anybody who would do them harm the ability to summon them." Seeing the girl nod at his words, the elder said, "That being said, Zatouji would not have brought you here if he believed you would do anything to harm any of them. So, if you are ready, I'd like to ask you a couple of questions to determine which Pixie would suit you best."

Looking back at the group and seeing everybody nod at her, Mirajane stepped forward. "I'm ready to answer any question you put forth, and I promise that I will not intentionally put any of your people in harm's way."

"Very well. Then, your first question. What type of Pixie do you require? Many specialize in different things, whether that be espionage or simply giving out messages."

Smiling at the man, Mirajane said, "I primarily wish to have a Pixie that is able to deliver messages over long distances as well as is somewhat capable at spying should I require it."

"As I'm sure you are aware, like people, Pixies each have their own personality and therefore are more compatible with those that have a similar personality. What personality would you want your familiar to have?"

"I would describe myself as a caring individual who simply wishes for those I care about to be happy."

"A very good answer. Now, I simply wish to know one last thing. How often would you be summoning the Pixie that will be chosen as your familiar?"

"It will most likely be about once a week, depending on who I need to send the messages to."

Smiling at the young girl, the elder turned around and floated back up to the tree. He returned a moment later with a young female Pixie. She seemed to have golden blonde hair held up in two pigtails and was wearing a pink dress that went down just past her knees. Motioning to the girl, the elder introduced her. "This is Serena. She is only around sixteen and is one of our younger Pixies though she is also one of our most caring people. I have no doubt that you two will get along."

Smiling at her soon to be master, Serena bowed her head. "It is very nice to meet you. I have been told how you answered our leader's questions and am grateful to be chosen to become your familiar."

Looking at the polite girl, Mirajane said, "No really, the honor is all mine. I do hope we will get along."

Looking at the two and seeing them get along, the elder motioned to the tree. "Serena, I'm going to head back. However, I expect you to come home when you are done with the contract." Having said his piece, the elder flew back up to the tree and disappeared amidst all the other pixies.

Smiling at her leader, Serena looked back at Mirajane. "As much as I'd like to for us to know one another, my leader is right. I do have many things I need to do today, and would prefer we get this ceremony done as quickly as possible."

Nodding at her soon to be familiar's request, Mirajane materialized a seal directly under the pixie. "I Mirajane Strauss bind thee to me." The area was surrounded by a bright light, and once it disappeared, everyone watched the magic seal that appeared on the Serena's back slowly disappear.

Looking at her new master, Serena said. "I hope we will get along, but as I've said, I have much to do today." Waving at the group one last time, Serena flew up into the Great Tree and disappeared amongst the other pixies.

Seeing that there was only one person left to get their familiar,

Zatouji turned to Ravel. "So, young lady, what type of familiar do you wish to have?"

Blushing at all the attention being directed at her, Ravel said, "Well, I'd like some kind of bird like the rest of my family, but I also want something unique to me."

Nodding at the girl, Zatouji motioned for the group to follow him to their last destination. "There is a spot in the forest where many different kinds of birds live. Hopefully, one of them will come down and choose you."

Following the man, Ravel couldn't help but wonder something. "What did you mean by 'hopefully one of them will come down and chose you'? Is there a chance none of them will choose me?"

Shaking his head at the girl, Zatouji said, "Not really. It's just that they will only choose someone that they approve of, and that person must also not have already chosen a familiar."

Curious about what the man meant, Naruto asked, "Why is it they only choose those that don't already have familiars? Aren't people able to have more than one familiar?"

Nodding at the boy, Zatouji said, "It's not that you can't eventually get one of these birds if you already have a familiar. It's just a lot more difficult. They tend to prefer that they are the only familiars that their masters have and get possessive should they get more."

Smiling at the explanation, Mirajane turned towards Ravel. "Hmm if that's the case, then they should be a perfect fit for Ravel. After all, she can tend to be a tad possessive of what she considers hers."

Blushing at Mirajane's words, and trying to ignore the chuckles she heard, Ravel said, "I can understand their mentality but how many different kinds of birds are there?"

Turning to the group, Zatouji said, "There are far too many for me to name. However, we are almost there, so I'm sure you'll understand what I mean in a second."

No sooner had he said those words that the group walked into a more heavily forested part of the forest and were stunned by all the different kinds of birds that were flying around. There were eagles making nests, hawks diving in the sky, and even some phoenixes sitting on the top branches looking over the rest. There were far too many different species for the group to count, but they were astounded by just how majestic they all looked.

The moment they fully stepped into the clearing, a medium sized yellow bird landed in front of the group. The bird had an orange beak as well as bright yellow eyes. Its feathers, while predominately yellow, did have a few blue ones under the belly. It, however, surprised them when it suddenly fired a thunderbolt into the sky.

Smiling at the bird's actions, Zatouji explained the significance to the group. "What this young thunderbird just did is mark his

territory. He's saying that he has chosen you as his master and won't allow any others to pick you. The reason he flew down so quickly is to make sure he would be chosen over the rest. This species of bird is known for their prideful and possessive tendencies. They do, however, possess the ability to provide support to their masters, and give them the ability to use the ability known as 'bird's eye view'."

Nodding at the explanation, Ravel approached the bird while holding out her arm. Seeing the curious look Kushina was giving the bird, Raven decided to ask her what she wanted to know. "Kushina, it appears that something has you curious. Would you care to tell me what it is?"

Smiling at the woman, Kushina nodded her head. "I was just wondering what the ability 'bird's eye view' does exactly."

Looking critically at the girl, Raven almost smacked herself for forgetting that she had only been with her son for two years. "I'm sorry. I keep forgetting that you have only recently been turned into a devil. Members of our family usually choose familiars that are aviary in nature and therefore have known about the ability for years. The most basic concept is it simply allows you to see through the eyes of your familiar."

Nodding at the explanation, Kushina turned to watch the proceedings. She had to keep the slight smile off her face when she watched the bird suddenly light up with electricity forcing Ravel's perfectly done drills to suddenly shoot upwards giving her the appearance of having horns. All in all, she was happy that her Queen had also gotten her familiar, though she wouldn't be caught dead ever saying that out loud.

Looking her soon to be familiar in the eyes, and pointedly ignoring all of her work that had gone into her hair being wasted, Ravel softly stroked the bird's plumage. Looking over at Zatouji, Ravel asked. "Earlier, you said that this bird was a male. How exactly were you able to tell just by looking at it once?"

Motioning to the chest of the bird, Zatouji explained. "You see, this species of bird is easy to differentiate by looking at their chest. If it had been a female, it would have had purple feathers around its chest. But since they're blue, I was able to identify it as a male. It also appears to be a very young thunderbird based on how small it is. They will grow up to the size of an adult male when they reach maturity."

Looking back at the bird, Ravel decided introductions were in order. "Hello, it's nice to meet you. My name's Ravel, and I suppose you don't have a name yet." Getting a nod in response, Ravel smiled. "Well, I hope you don't mind me giving you one then. Judging by how you obviously like thunder, I think I'm going to call you Thor, after the god of thunder." Puffing out his chest at the new name, the now named Thor softly nipped at Ravel's ear.

Smiling at the bird, Ravel softly stroked his plumage. "I'm happy to see you like the name Thor. Would it be okay if we did the contract now? It's starting to get late, and we won't be able to stay for much longer." Looking at the girl and giving a soft squawk, Thor lifted off her arm and landed in front of her. Understanding what he wanted,

Ravel made a Phenex seal appear under the bird. "I Ravel Phenex bind thee to me." Once the last word left her mouth, the bird was surrounded by a bright light and the Phenex seal that now rested on his back slowly faded away.

Smiling at the group, Zatouji said, "Well, it looks like all of you have gotten your familiars and just in time too." Motioning to the moon that was slowly going down, he continued, "Well, it looks like it's time for us to go so I ask that you three leave your familiars here while we exit the forest."

Seeing her charges say their goodbyes to their familiars, Raven looked over at Zatouji. "Thank you once again for helping my charges find their familiars."

Blushing at the praise, Zatouji waved his hand at Raven. "It really was no issue. I'm happy to see everyone that comes into my forest obtain a familiar that matches them."

Nodding at the man, Raven motioned for her charges to follow Zatouji as he led them out of the forest. Once they got back to the start of the forest, the group gave one last wave to the familiar master before disappearing under an orange magical circle.

Arriving back at the Phenex estate, the group was surprised to see a servant approaching them. "I have come with a message. Master Riser wishes to speak to his younger brother and has asked him to meet him on the east balcony."

Looking over at her son, and seeing him nod at the words, Raven addressed the servant. "Well, do tell my son that it appears his younger brother will be arriving shortly."

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Leaning on a balcony overlooking the gardens stood two brothers. The morning sun was just coming up over the horizon, and bathing everything it touched in a soft glow. Chuckling at the sight, Naruto said, "I'm assuming you didn't just want to watch the sunrise with me. What did you want to talk about, Riser?"

Looking at his brother from the corner of his eyes, Riser said. "It has come to my attention that you have expressed an interest in attending Youkai Academy. I simply wish to know why."

Naruto could only chuckle at his brother's admission. "It seems a lot of people wish to know my reasoning. I simply wish to have a diverse peerage, and adding different Youkai will help achieve that."

At hearing his brother's explanation, Riser turned around and leaned his back against the railing. "We both know that's not the real reason. Now, I have my assumptions on what the real reason is, and should they prove correct, I'm going to advise you not to go."

"Oh really? What are your assumptions, anyway?"

Smiling at his brother now, Riser said, "I've read the reports as well. I know that there will be a vampire attending the Youkai Academy, and you are going for the sole purpose of having her join your peerage."

Grimacing at being caught, Naruto nodded his head. "We both know the kind of power a vampire can unleash, especially if turned into a rook. I have to at least try."

Nodding his head, Riser said, "Very well. I'm also assuming that you will only be staying for a couple of weeks at the school."

Glancing over at his brother in confusion, Naruto nodded his head. "Yeah, that was the plan. I don't want to stay too long and end up getting caught, though why would you care how long I stay there for."

"I care because you're my little brother, and while I may not show it, I do in fact care what happens to you. Now, would a month be enough time for you to recruit this vampire of yours?"

Smiling at his brother's words, Naruto said, "Yeah, I wasn't planning on staying more than three weeks. So a month should be more than enough time. Why are you asking, though?"

"Because I'm going to move up the date of my engagement with Rias. We both know if I do this while you're in the school, it's going to cause people to realize who you really are."

"Well, I appreciate you waiting for me to be out before doing that, but why are you moving up the engagement?"

"Because I have a feeling that the longer we wait, the higher are the chance of this engagement getting broken. I may not like the thought of marrying that girl, but I'll be damned if I let her shine our family in a bad light."

Naruto could only glance at his brother in surprise. As far as he knew, Riser had been all for the engagement. "What do you mean you don't want this engagement? I thought you were happy to marry Rias."

Narrowing his eyes at his brother, Riser said, "No, why would I want to get married to a girl who can only whine when she doesn't get her way and purposely try to destroy an engagement that is important for our race? I don't want to marry Rias. However, I do know how important this engagement is, and I'm sure that with time, we can hopefully get along."

Smiling at his brother, Naruto said, "I knew you weren't such a bad guy. But why don't you just tell mom and dad how you feel?"

"Because I already have. They allowed me the option to cancel the engagement, but I refused. This engagement is too important to let my feelings get in the way. Besides, I'm sure I could grow to love her one day." Having said what he wanted to say, Riser held up his hand and ruffled his brother's hair. "Listen, Naruto. No matter what happens, I want you to know I'll always make sure you and Ravel are safe. You're my precious little siblings. Even if we don't always see eye to eye." On that note, Riser snapped his fingers and disappeared in a flash of fire.

Glancing at where his brother was, Naruto could only sigh. "I guess he's not such a bad brother after all."

**\*\*Chapter End\*\***

**\*\*Finally, where at a point where I don't have to come up with everything on my own (I'm starting to understand why most writers simply skip to cannon). This does mean I can actually make the chapters longer from here on out, of course updates might take longer because of this. Id like to say that about the Akatsuki and you guys getting all bent out of shape over them you really don't need to worry (And can we acknowledge the fact that someone who's name is "know pain" commented 'interestingâ€|' on that part, I literally found that hilarious). I have read fanfics for years and I never really liked any that were super heavy on Naruto having to constantly fight them, so I'm giving a pretty unique spin on them, after all Naruto is technically considered a 'evil devil' so the Akatsuki aren't exactly on the 'other side'. That being said my next point is Wendy's motion sickness I know she's the only dragon slayer immune however I want her to at least have slight motion sickness. The last thing I wanted to mention was no he won't be in Yokai Academy for long, though the events their will not be what you expect, and yes Riser is not an asshole (at least to his family) and the engagement party will have a unique spin (I promise it's going to be epic and I wonder who will figure it out).\*\***

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